Chapter 5

Hana to Yume Comics

S·A

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HMPH...
I first met him when I was 6 years old.
I was trained in pro-wrestling by my dad, who is a big fan of it.
All—right! It's time for the Before-Dinner Pro-wrestling!!
ya
ah
I was full of confidence that I would be the strongest with no problem.
clap
clap
I caught the thief.
But one day, he appeared.
He was the guy who let me taste my first defeat and humiliation.
Sigh
...
THAT WAS NOTHING...

TODAY IS THE DAY THE TEST RESULTS COME OUT.
Hanazono Hikari, 15 Years Old.
Hey, GO and DO your Best!!
Dad!
YOU GOt it!
ALL RIGHTY! I'LL PUT MY FIGHTING SPIRIT INTO THIS DAY, TOO!
His name was Takishima Kei!!
and now, I'm commuting school
I'LL STOP TAKISHIMA'S REIGN OF BEING IN FIRST PLACE!
I'm the daughter of a carpenter,

tada
dada
MM-HMM...
If it's to school, I'll just walk! No need to take the train or the bus!
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I LOOK AT IT, THIS SCHOOL IS UNBELIEVABLE.
GOOD morning.
GOOD morning.
SA
tun
This school is strange.
Ah! It's one of the SA, Hanazono!

As a super-elite school whose name is known outside the prefecture,

the classes are divided by grades A to F.

Y-YOU GUYS ...

HAVEN'T I ALWAYS TOLD YOU TO GREET ME NORMALLY?

B-BUT EVERYONE ADMIRES THE SA PEOPLE ...

At any rate, this school...

Class A consists of the 7 best students of the year.

That alone is a reason to admire the school,

The SA is distinguished by their unique school uniforms, and spend their time in a different school building,

which is called the Campus Paradise.

but there is a class that consists of the best freshmen to sophomores in the A class called

the Special A – nicknamed SA.

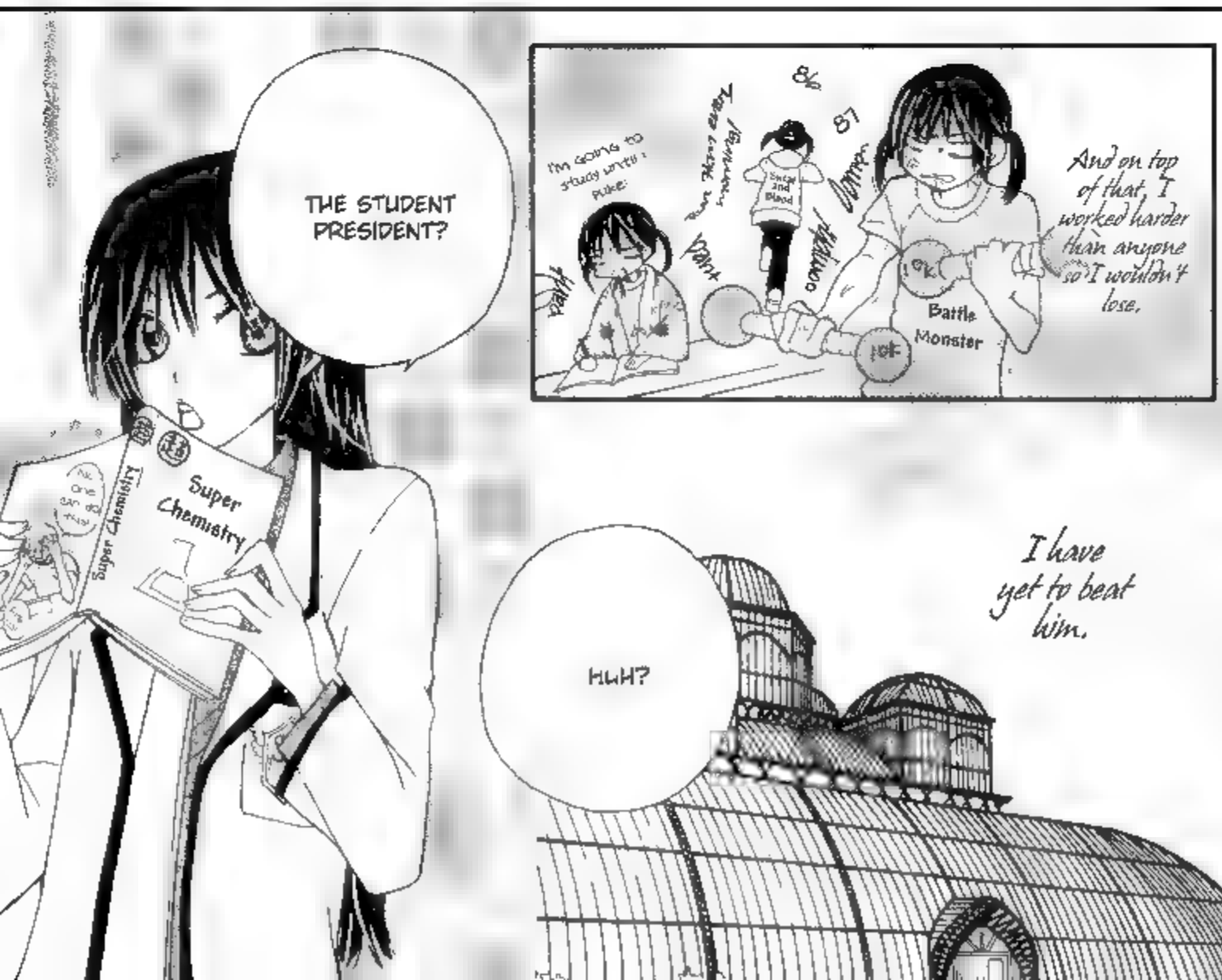
That's right!! You can't DO that!

It's almost time for the test results to be released!
HIKARI,
DID YOU COME TO SEE THE TEST RESULTS?
Eek!
yes ma'am!
YOU RAN HERE, DIDN'T YOU? LOOK, YOU'RE SO SWEATY...
hm hm..
wipe wipe
YEAH ...
NICE!
I BEAT THE DISGUSTING DEVIL WOMAN THIS TIME, TOO!
First SA, Toudou Akira, ranked 6th in the school. Daughter of an airline president.
Reacting to "disgusting"
Second SA, Karino Tadashi, ranked 5th in the school. Son of the school director. (Has wanderlust.)
Fourth SA, Yamamoto Jun, ranked 3rd in the school. Megumi's younger twin brother.
AND I'M 3RD ...
appear
he suddenly appeared?!
surprise!
SIGH...
Pou
I'm sorry
What'd you say?!
We sure get along well...
Third SA, Yamamoto Megumi, ranked 4th in the school. Daughter of a music producer and a genius vocalist.
I'm 4th.

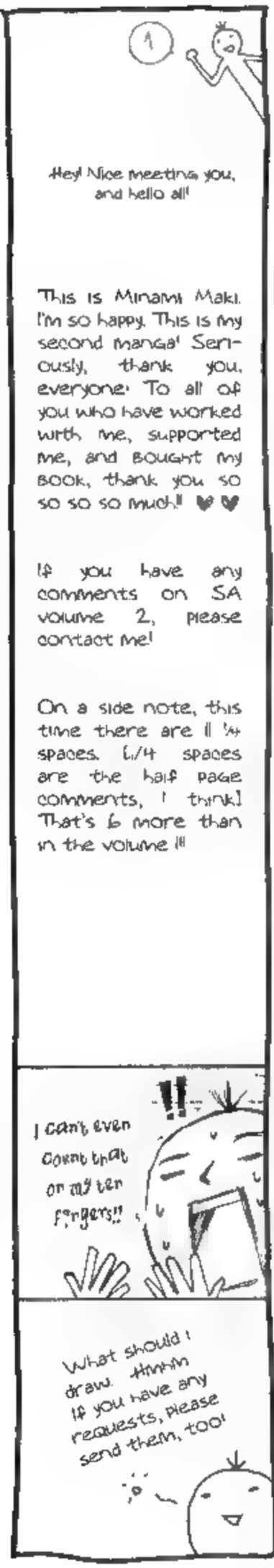
Fifth SA, Tsuji Ryuu, ranked 7th in the school. Son of the CEO of a sports car company.
7TH PLACE ...
I just barely made it again ...
Those three...
!
then
And then, there's my placement!
Am I first?! Second?!
Ah!
big-bang
big-bang
turn
OH, MAN.
OH ...
and for some reason, the twins love Ryuu.
have been together since birth,
Aren't you happy, Ryuu!? Even if it's close, you're still 7th!!
And...
I'M...
FIRST AGAIN...
Sixth SA, Takishima Kei, Son of the CEO of the Takishima group. First in the school.
This is the man
who gave me my first taste of humiliation ...

Don't call me that!
Hey, Second Place!
And I'm...
CONGRATULATIONS, HIKARI. YOU'RE SECOND AGAIN.
HEY.
He's my rival.
grow!
These seven are members of the SA,
and coincidentally, they have been SA members since their first year.

WOULDN'T IT BEST IF YOU JUST GIVE UP?
One more!
I've challenged him countless of times, and lost.
Let me go to the same school as him!
Frustrating Herself — I wanted to win no matter what
so I selfishly entered the same school as him.
Ever since that day when my dad, a member of the Pro-wrestling fan circle, met Takushima's dad,
sigh
THAT WAS NOTHING ..
Why did I enter an elite school like this, you ask?
It was to defeat this guy.
I also trained in all areas other than physical strength.
STR (physical strength)
DEX (speed)
INT (knowledge)


THE STUDENT PRESIDENT?
Super Chemistry
I'm going to study until I puke!
Sweat and Blood
Battle Monster
And on top of that, I worked harder than anyone so I wouldn't lose.
I have yet to beat him.
HUH?

SA Specialty: Lunch in the Green House (Akira's homemade lunch)
Hikari you're even studying during lunch
THERE IS A STUDENT PRESIDENT IN OUR SCHOOL?
YEAH. I THINK HE WAS HOSPITALIZED UP UNTIL NOW BECAUSE HE WAS SICK, AND HE WAS JUST RELEASED TODAY
OF COURSE THERE IS, HIKARI...
BY STUDYING, I'LL BE IN THE LEAD WHILE YOU'RE LEISURELY EATING LUNCH...
HMM. GO AHEAD AND SAY IT FOR THE TIME BEING
Hikari!
Miss Second Place?
Don't call me that!
No. 1 Class A -S.A
No. 2 Class A -Student Council
No. 3 Class A -Regular Class A
DO YOU UNDERSTAND,
THE STUDENT COUNCIL IS COMPRISED OF THE SECOND BEST CLASS A STUDENTS THAT COULDN'T MAKE IT TO THE SA.
BUT, BESIDES THAT... THE SECOND BEST CLASS A...
I'll show you damn Takishima
YOU'RE REALLY annoying!!
ha ha ha ha
WELL, DO YOUR BEST!
clap clap clap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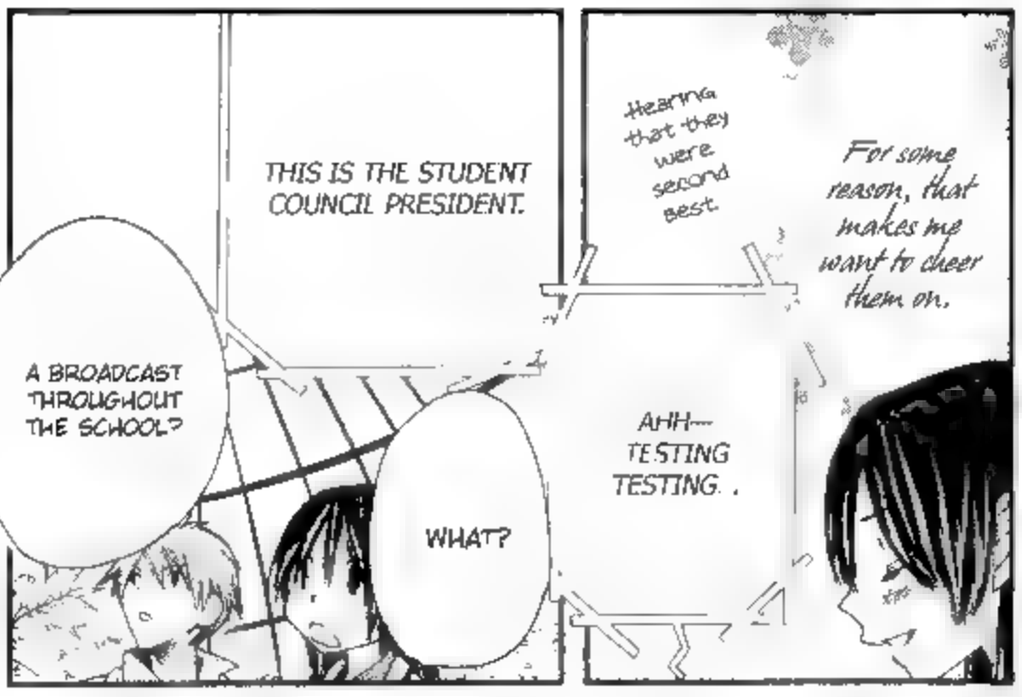
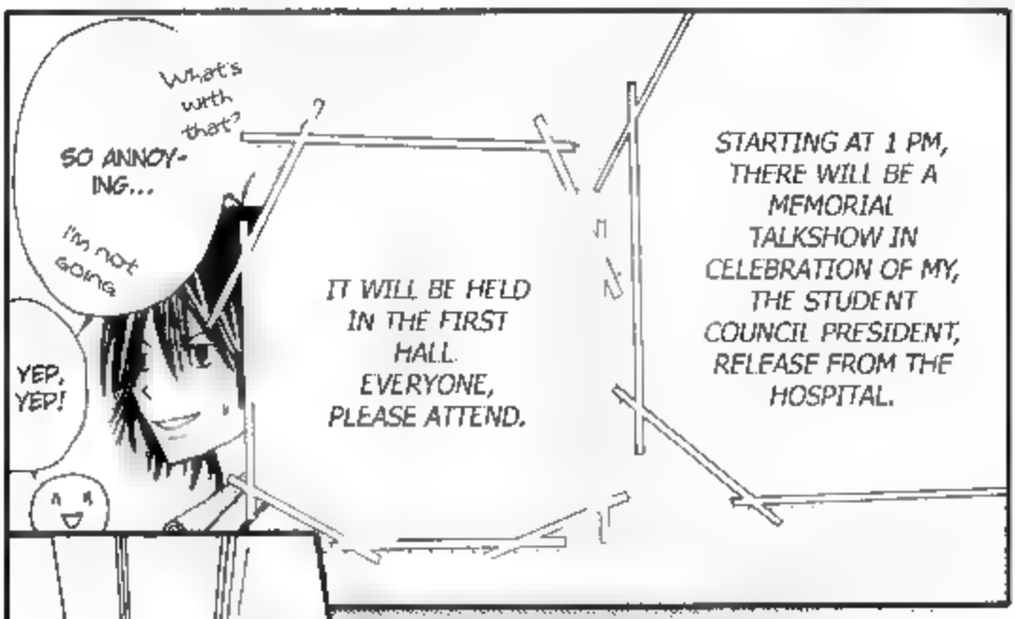
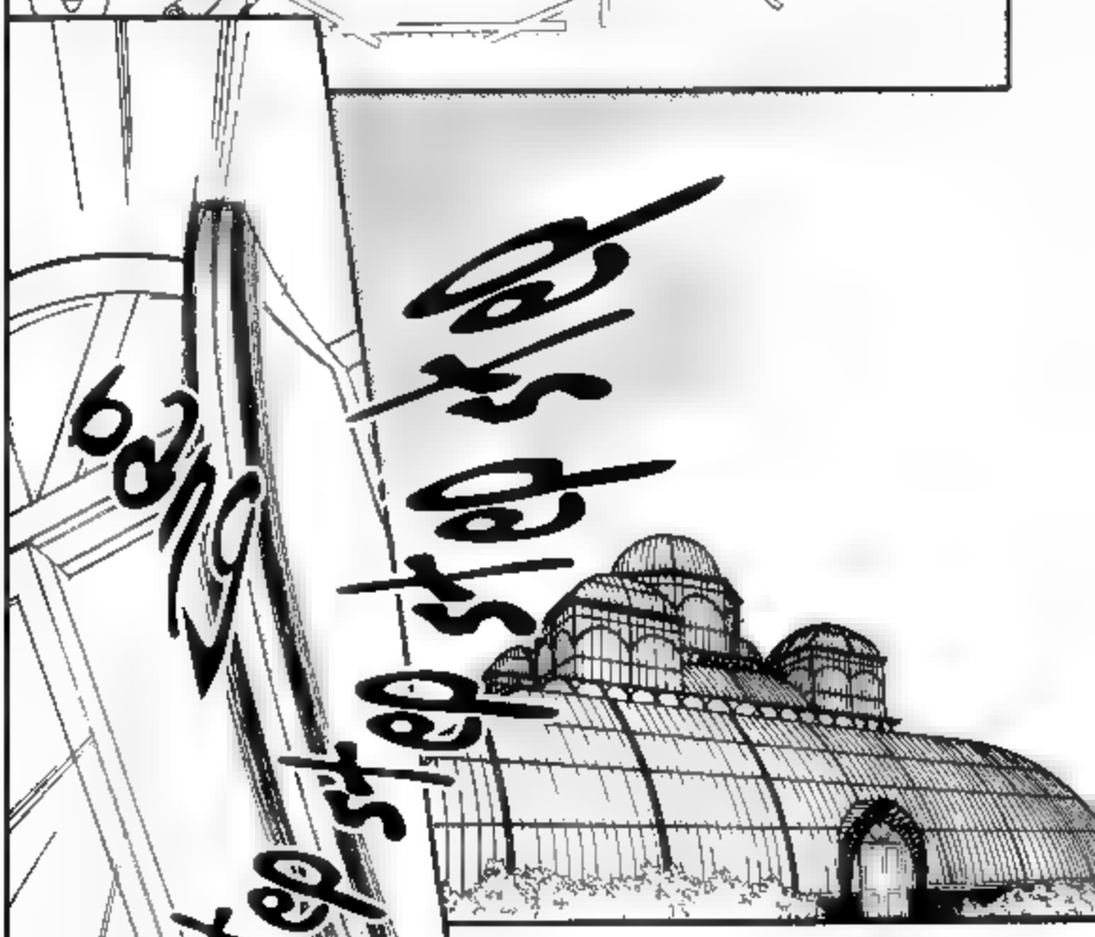
Hey! Nice meeting you, and hello all!
This is Minami Maki. I'm so happy. This is my second manga! Seriously, thank you, everyone! To all of you who have worked with me, supported me, and bought my book, thank you so so so so much!!
If you have any comments on SA volume 2, please contact me!
On a side note, this time there are 11 1/4 spaces. 6/4 spaces are the half page comments, I think! That's 6 more than in the volume!!
I can't even count that on my ten fingers!!
What should I draw. Hmmm If you have any requests, please send them, too!


THIS IS THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT.
A BROADCAST THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL?
WHAT?
AHH— TESTING TESTING. .
Hearing that they were second best.
For some reason, that makes me want to cheer them on.


SO ANNOYING...
What's with that?
I'm not going
YEP, YEP!
IT WILL BE HELD IN THE FIRST HALL. EVERYONE, PLEASE ATTEND.
STARTING AT 1 PM, THERE WILL BE A MEMORIAL TALKSHOW IN CELEBRATION OF MY, THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT, RELEASE FROM THE HOSPITAL.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Pant
Pant
Pant
UGH.
Dizzy
Pant
Pant
Pant
Who "is" this person
HM.. HMMM, SO YOU'RE THE SA..

YOU'VE... REALLY DONE IT!
MESSING UP MY MAGNIFICENT TALKSHOW LIKE . . THAT...
Pant
Pant
Look of death
Cough!
This person is scary!!
SO, WHO ARE YOU?
ARGH
You should go to the hospital
TO NOT KNOW WHO I AM..
What kind of country bumpkins are you
No one knows

A-a-a-at any rate!!
Th-that's a secret!!
You can't say that!
OOH, YOU'RE THAT GUY WHO GOT HOSPITALIZED 'CAUSE HE FELT WEAK AND HAD TO RELY ON MONEY TO DO EVERYTHING.
The most depressing scene in Kaké Hajime's life.
I WENT AND ASKED THE FIRST STUDENT I SAW WHY SHE DIDN'T ATTEND.
IF YOU HAD GONE TO THE TALKSHOW, YOU WOULD HAVE REALIZED IT WAS EMPTY.
Hey you grade!!

I HAVE BEEN CALLED A PRODIGY EVEN SINCE I WAS A LITTLE CHILD. I AM THE TOP OF THE SOPHOMORES.
I'M THE STUDENT PRESIDENT. ON TOP OF THAT, I'M A MEMBER OF THE CLASS 2-A. FIRST PLACE LEADER. I AM THE KAKÉ HAJIME!
That's because I'm elite!!

He went ☆ "star" ...
AND THAT IS WHY I, WHO WANTS TO BE PAMPERED, WANT YOU TO WITHDRAW FROM BEING THE SA. ♡

Who are you? Don't touch me so familiarly.
IF THE SA DOESN'T COME, IT'S BORING

I SEE!
Being selfish like that is bad.
IT MUST BE BECAUSE YOU WERE SPOILED WHEN YOU WERE HOSPITALIZED AND SO NOW, YOU THINK YOU HAVE TO BE THE CENTER OF EVERYTHING.

It's cause the SA aren't coming and just who are you?
NO MATTER WHO I ASKED, IT WAS ALWAYS SA, SA, SA.
What about the student council?!
Who is that?
Is the SA are coming? I'm coming!! too!

A challenge is a special privilege that certain Class A members who want to face the SA have. The side who wins the challenge can become one of the SA.
(This kind of event is decided by the challenger.)
IT'S A SPECIAL PRIVILEGE OF THE CLASS A, ISN'T IT?
A-at any rate, I shall therefore present this written challenge to you SA!
WRITTEN CHALLENGE?
OK.
I SEE!
THEN TRY HARD!
You're the one who should try hard!
WHO WANT TO CHALLENGE OTHERS.
I LIKE PEOPLE
IS THAT SO...
WHA--
Sorry bout that. Did it hit you? It hit you, didn't it?
Are you all right?
ha ha ha
Clash
Clash!

DON'T SAY ANY MORE.
TENSION
TENSION
I'M FINE WITH BEING YOUR OPPONENT
He's scary!
And that's why...
I'll get back to you on the details!!
THE EVENT HAS been DECIDED.

SA VS Student Council
The pro-wrestling showdown to challenge the SA!
...
Doriinu
Teriinu
THE BURNING TAG TEAM
THE FANKYU BROTHERS
The student council has invited foreign stars!
A two-on-two
30 minute match!!
What is wrong? by TeriDori
THIS POSTER WAS STUCK ON THE WALL IN THE SCHOOL.
WHAT IS IT?

Glitter
Glitter
Glitter
IF YOU THINK PRO-WRES-TLING
IT SEEMS THAT TWO PEOPLE ARE PARTICIPAT-ING
Glance
I'm definitely going!
Wh-who are the Fankyu Brothers?!
They're definitely not high school students.
More importantly, that's ques-tionable to the Japanese, since foreign-ers are com-ing and all.
Pros?
Wrest-ling with the Fankyu Brothers
Hour free wrestling!
YOU'RE RIGHT...
The two who have been wres-tling since they were little
I'll practice my choke hold
HIKARI AND KEI ... RIGHT?
...
BUT ANYWAYS, WE SHOULD PUT UP SOME GOOD POST-ERS, TOO...
YEAH, WANT TO RETURN THE FAVOR?
As SA

NORMALLY, SHOULDN'T WE PARTICIPATE...?
Won't the others die...?
PRESIDENT ... IS IT ALL RIGHT... CALLING THESE PROS HERE...?
HMM-MHM.
LET'S MAKE THIS EVENT FLASHY!
Yaaay
Ouch!
PR..
THESE ARE TWO WHO COME TO MY HOUSE ONCE IN A WHILE.
MY FATHER IS A MEMBER OF THE PRO-WRESTLING FAN CIRCLE.
WELL,
Maybe they'll just passively take it
Ha ha ha
SINCE I HEARD THAT THE SA ARE EXTREMELY ABLE,
SO I'LL JUST DO THIS!
• The SA private gymnasium •
WELL, NOW, LET'S SEE THE SA TREMBLING IN FRIGHT OF THE FANKYU BROTHERS.
Hahahahaha!
SPORTS HALL

Whoosh
Move
Dodge
Jump
Two
The iron railing is broken.
Whoosh...
Move
The pillar is broken
crack
Dodge
PR-PRESIDENT ...
How are they "passive"
ARE THEY HUMANS...?
Some-how it seems impossi-ble

...
HEY,
SCOOP
SWIP
Something?
THIS IS BAD! WE HAVE TO THINK OF SOMETHING ..!
Yah!
...WELL,
WHY ARE YOU STOPPING YOUR MOVES RIGHT BEFORE THEY HIT?!
I'm simple
THE OPPONENTS ARE MALES, TOO, SO MAYBE TADASHI OR RYUU .
Don't Give me that!
I'M HAPPY THAT I'M PRACTICING WITH YOU.
HAH?
IF YOU KEEP SAYING THAT, THEN WE CAN'T PRACTICE!
Are you an idiot?!
That's all you are!
YOU'RE A GIRL, I CAN'T LET YOU GET INJURED
IDIOT ...

IF YOU'RE THAT ANXIOUS, THEN JUST WATCH!
I'LL TRAIN MORE AND I'LL PRACTICE MORE UNTIL I SEND THAT ANXIETY OF YOURS FLYING!
IF I DON'T DO THAT,
THEN I'LL NEVER WIN AGAINST YOU!
'CAUSE I'M THE ONE WHO'LL BEAT YOU.
HIKARI ...
OH, YEAH!

IN THIS MATCH, WHOEVER USES THE MOST MOVES CAN ORDER THE LOSER TO DO SOMETHING ONCE!
That's right...
THAT'S FINE I'm going to win anyway
WHY YOU!
...YOU SEEM HAPPY ...
Yep!
matches!
I love
HUH?
Why don't we have a match since we have the chance?
15km every morning
I'll practice more! I'll try harder!
Told
be your Lord!
Told
I'll surprise Takushima!
study either
I won't forget to

What's been going on recently?
WHAT...?
Gasp
Whoo

I'm going to flat the heaviest barbells there!
GRRRRR ...
THE INJURY PLAN FAILED, TOO...
PR-PRESIDENT ..
MORE IMPORTANTLY, TIME TO TRAIN!
Oh, well.
Pow
There's been a lot of strange things.
You'll die.
Things falling from over head.
car's suddenly charging towards me
almost getting attacked by people
WHY DON'T YOU AIM FOR THE MAN?
The man?!
you mean him?!
A WORD. SOMEHOW, ATTACKING WOMEN IS...
WHAT?
Then, in the meantime
Let's do a surprise attack strategy and beat that man up!
I'll send him to the hospital
WOW ...
Of course, this will be done snoopy mousy
And she's pretty
Pretty mean doesn't have to do with anyone...
It has a lot to do with this.
BUT ATTACKING HER IS ...
I-IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
HMMMMMMMMMM OH, SORRY 'BOUT THAT
AND IT HIT YOU? IT HIT YOU, DIDN'T IT
NO!! NO! HE'S TOO SCARY!!
I can't get involved with him!
I'll Get killed and be devoured!!
I won't forget the terror from that time.

On the way to the SA gymnasium.
SPORTS HALL
Whisper...
THAT'S IF THE OTHER CLASS 2-A MEMBERS WILL COOPERATE WITH US...
Do something a bit more scarier... able to them
Everyone will say, "This is stupid" and not participate probably
Depressed
Ah!
I'm sorry! Please don't be depressed!
S...so...Rio...ki?
Really? Is that true?
Whoa
I don't know if I should be happy or not...!
See? I'm following you
I'm a person who doesn't like cheap tactics, But I love the fearless President.
I want to be an SA, if only I were chosen
A lukewarm gaze
Hey, come on! A step at a time
LET'S GET STARTED WITH THE PLAN
JUMP
Self-proclaimed
Team Leader
Self-proclaimed
Self-proclaimed
Nuts

I KNOW WHO'S BEHIND THIS, BUT I WONDER WHAT THE MEANING OF THIS IS?
UGH..
Depiction of Hell
WELL NOW...
SILENCE...
IF YOU HAPPEN TO LIE...
squeak
squeak
squeak
squeak
Y-Yes sir!
H-HE SAID TO BEAT UP THE GUYS ...
WHO'LL APPEAR IN THE UPCOMING COMPETITION..

Hikari!
...
WHA--?
slam
stomp
stomp
stomp
stomp
PANT
WHAT'S WITH YOU, TAKISHIMA?
PANT
..YOU'RE NOT HURT...?
...THAT'S GOOD
AH! BUT THERE HAVE BEEN MANY TIMES WHERE I COULD HAVE GOTTEN HURT.
They were strange people
SIGH
What's with you?
NOT REALLY
...I SEE.

HUH?
LET'S SUBSTITUTE TADASHI OR RYUU IN.
HIKARI. .
HM?
THINGS HAVE BEEN FALLING FROM OVERHEAD, AND PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ATTACKING ME.
...
I RUN 15KM EVERY DAY.
NO, THAT'S NOT--
RIGHT NOW, I FEEL AS IF I COULD TAKE ON A BEAR!
HIKARI...
The match is tomorrow.
THE ONE WHO HAS BEEN TRYING TO HURT YOU IS THE STUDENT COUNCIL.
EH?
WHY?!
They're weak against the word "second"
The "second" part
THAT IS UNRELATED.
What is this?!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? THEY'RE TRYING HARD BECAUSE THEY'RE SECOND!
WHAT I'M SAYING...
HEYAAA
LOOK, I CAN EVEN LIFT THE HEAVIEST BARBELL HERE!

...THAT'S WHY!
THEN I'LL PUT IT THIS WAY.
IT WILL BE A BURDEN ON ME IF YOU PARTICIPATE.
...I...

I'M DEFINITELY PARTICIPAT-ING!!
Like I'd lose to you!
Damn it!
The day of the match...
You bastard, Takushima!

Special.AF

THIS IS AMAZING!!
MM-HMM.

Ooh!
Everyone worked together to make it flashy!
EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE A TAG TEAM, THE ATMOSPHERE BETWEEN THOSE TWO IS THE WORST..
WILL THEY REALLY BE OK?
It's irritating
SOMEHOW
...
HMPH

HMM.. LOOKS LIKE THOSE TWO ARE HAVING A FIGHT.
Does he mean that if I'm with him I'll just trip him up?
Takishi-ma
said I was a burden.
Is it because I'm not at his level at all?
President your pettiness has increased tremendously!
The finishing blow
HOWEVER, WE STILL HAVE PLANS HERE.
Or does he mean ...
WHAT?
...that no matter how hard I try, I can't defeat him?
knock knock
"A Tag Team" is where one person from a two-person team stands in the ring, and he can tag his partner. If he doesn't, the partner can't go into the ring.
He's planning to fight them alone without tagging me!
YEAH.
TAKISHIMA'S GOING TO TAKE THE OFFENSIVE?
I don't think that these clothes are for pro-wrestling. They don't have boots, for one thing.
Pleeh

clanging
EXCUSE ME.
THIS IS A GIFT FROM THE STUDENT PRESIDENT.
THE COMMENTATORS ARE TSUJI AND YAMAMOTO.
ALL RIGHTY, EVERYONE! THE WAIT IS OVER!
I WILL BE THE REFEREE THE NAME'S KARINO.
AND PRESENTING THE MASCOT GIRLS, AKIRA AND MEGUMI!

SOMEHOW .. IT'S TURNED INTO SOMETHING REALLY BIG.
President
You're right
Hmph!
Even so, I will be the man who climbs to the top, even if I have to use all the cheap tactics in the world!
and I've already set up the secret plan properly ..
Now, then
Maybe I'll get changed, too!
President
...S...
IN THE BLUE CORNER, THE CHALLENGERS!
AND IN THE RED CORNER, THE PAIR EVERYONE'S ATTENTION IS ON!
THE ABSOLUTELY WEIRDEST COMBINATION IN SA!
KEI AND HIKARI!!
THE FANKYU BROTHERS!

CLATTER...
ARE HANDCUFFED TOGETHER!
WHAT...?
NOISY
THOSE TWO ...
AND SO, THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE IN THE RULES!
NOISY
A HANDICAP!
And by the way, those handcuffs are stronger than normal!
A handicap?!
I DECIDED THIS
ON MY OWN!
NOW BOTH HAVE TO FIGHT AT THE SAME TIME! AND WITH THAT, LET'S FIGHT!
COMMEN-TATORS!
WHA--?! WHAT COULD BE THE MEANING OF THIS?!!
IT'S PROB-ABLY
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?
THIS IS THE STUDENT PRESIDENT
Hello!
YES, WE HAVE AN INVITED A GUEST HERE

F-FIGHT!
done
Step
shot
ARE YOU OKAY?
I'm fine!
LOOM ING
HmPh!
Dodg

Damn it.
MOVE, Takishima!
HANAZONO-SAN IS ONLY GETTING SAVED BY TAKISHIMA-SAN.
LOOKS LIKE
MY...
At this rate,

SHE'S JUST A BURDEN—
I'm...
break
ST... WHO...
Crumble...
JUST WHO IS AN INTERFERING BURDEN?!
HAH?!!
noisy
What hap-pened
K-Kei

won't lose to anyone!
Takishima...
Hikari
BESIDES ME!
But other than that.
SHOULD WE BEAT THE HELL OUT OF THEM, TOGETHER?
I SAID YOU WERE A BURDEN BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO GET HURT.
Takishima...
THE TRUTH IS,

Face Crusher
THEY'RE OVERWHELMING THE FANKYU BROTHERS!
Curb Branding
THE KEI AND HIKARI PAIR IS AMAZING!
AND NOW, IT'S COME!
THE JUMPING DOUBLE ELBOW!

Takishima...
THE WINNERS ARE THE SA, THE KEI & HIKARI PAIR!
bang
one!
Two!
Three!
bang
bang
TH-THEY'RE MON-STERS ...
...means he acknowledges me.
If that...
"She won't lose to anyone!"
...if that's so...
Takishima!!

STAY NUMBER ONE UNTIL I DEFEAT YOU!
Just you wait
I'll go ahead and say it

I'll definitely defeat you.
...HIKARI...
AH, OH YEAH!
HEY, YOU.
TODAY WAS FUN.
THANK YOU!

Today,
lots of good things happened.
HIKARI.
HEH, HEH, HEH.
WELL,
NEXT TIME, YOU COME YOURSELF!
Pat
HMPH...
JUST WAIT AND SEE. THE NEXT TIME, I'LL DEFINITELY...
Stare
PRESIDENT, HASN'T YOUR OBJECTIVE CHANGED?
ABOUT THE NUMBER OF MOVES USED. IT'S 15 VS. 16, SO I WIN.
I properly counted them
Yees?
16 moves
In this match, whoever uses the most moves can order the loser to do anything he wants!
It's a contest...
15 moves
...
I'm definitely going to win
...
Hahahahahahaha
What should I make you do?
♪

Saga-baby! Have a great birfday, my love! You're our mascot, our recruiting machine, our leveling master, our source of "..." and "huh?" But most importantly, you're our special friend and we'd never be able to do this without you. We love you. --risey

TO HELGA, HAPPY BIRTHDAY.--JLINDGREN

To my dearest sweetest, manhwa maniac partner-in-crime, I love you and I just want to wish you the best birthday in the world! Viva manhwa! — Sephie

Happy Birthday Saga
I suck at birthday messages
Love, LadyMeep

Happy B-day Saga!
Have a wonderful birthday and hope you'll get happier and happier with each year that goes by~~
throws confetti
-- Leenie

Happy Birthday Saga! I don't hate you for constantly overworking me every day since Risey conned me into proofing for entropy... *COUGH* Have a great birthdayyyy *hugs you* XDDD <3 moonies!

To teh swedish maid:
happy birthday~ You do way too much for this channel, you know that? xD --
terracannon876

Best wishes for this birthday and new yer of life to my adored server and editing idole! the alien ^^^

Hear, hear the short saga of a birthday gone awry. The lovely cake was on fire; the candles were not. Unfortunately, the water was hard to come by. But at the very least Saga got so very hot! xD Happy birthday, dear! ArnoLd sophelbotArnoLd

Saga, you work too much o.o; Just lean back and enjoy your birthday ;) --iccasop

BEST WISHES FOR A RELAXING DAY!
--VANDERGUARD

HAPPY, HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO SAGA~ ONE OF MY FAV EX-LEECHERS, EHEHE >:] *HUGS*
--INK

"Oh dear! Is it my birthday already?!"
HAPPY BIRTHDAY SAGA!!
- love from all at Entropy -

Happy birthday Saga! May all those korean manhwas you like get scanlated this year! -- Megkf

I WISH FOR YOU, A HAPPY DAY
FOR LOTS OF LOVE, TO COME YOUR WAY
MAY YOUR HEART BE FILLED WITH CHEER
THAT WILL LAST, THORUGH THE COMING YEAR
BEST WISHES FROM MY HEART,SENT YOUR WAY
HOPING THAT MUCH JOY, BE YOURS TODAY
...HAPPY BIRTHDAY...
LOVE, KAI^-^

TO SAGA, WHO'S NAME REMINDS ME OF, "TOTO, SCAN NOW!" HAVE A HAPPY BIRTHDAY! (AND YOU CAN USE YOUR POINTER TO TOUCH K2'S HAIR!
LOVE TOTOCHAN

HAPPY B-DAY SAGA!!! THX FOR EDITING BEAUTIFUL MANGAS <333 — KOKORO-CHIN

"Simply but sincerely, Happy Birthday, Saga."
--p004

As Sigmund Freud once said, "I have found little that is good about human ings. In my experience most of them are trash." Happy Birthday, Saga. -- thestripedone

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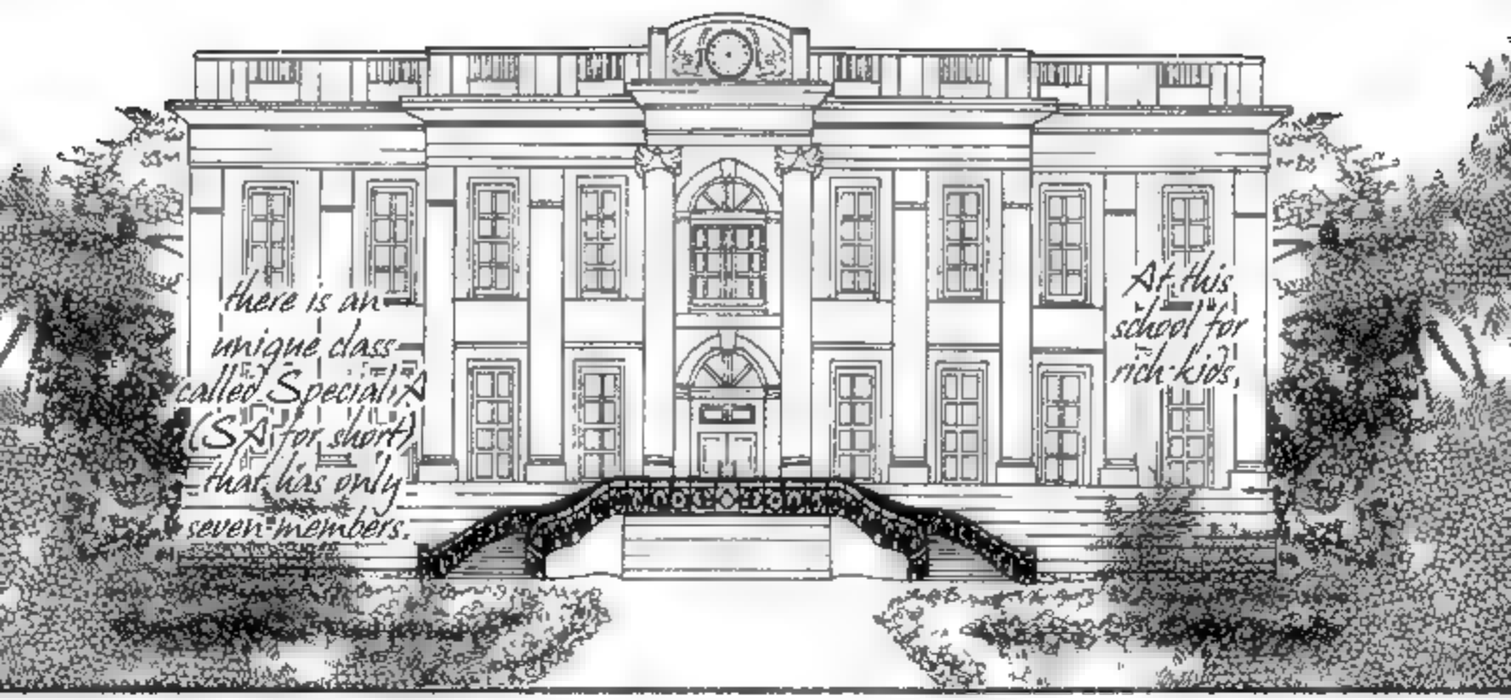
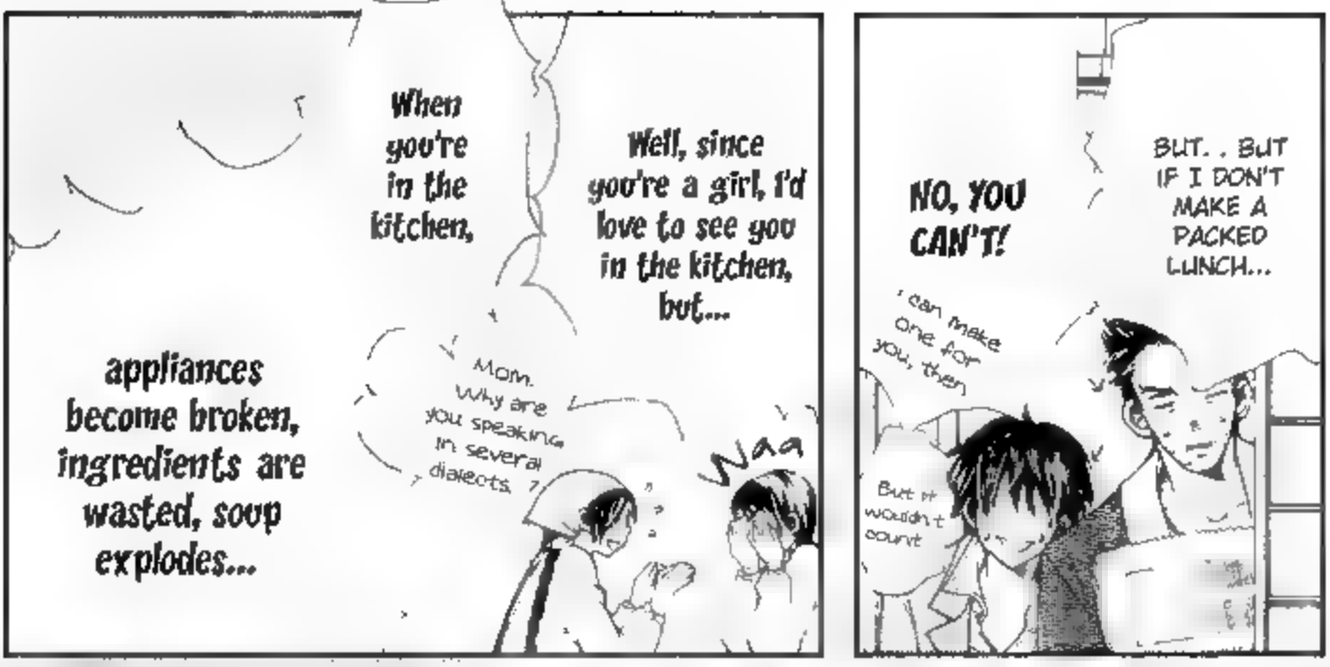

At this school for rich kids,
there is an unique class called Special A (SA for short) that has only seven members.

It's a really crazy class,
and for some strange reason, it got involved in a pro-wrestling match.
And I, Hikari Hanazono, made a bet with my rival, Rei Takishima.
How's this? The one who makes the most hits in this match gets to order the other around to do whatever he or she wants!
ALL RIGHT.
I lost admirably.
16 hits
15 hits

A
LESSON OF THE DAY: BE WARY OF RICE-BALL BOMBS
en·tro·py

Because of that, I...
Takishima!
What's your order?
...
...have to do whatever this hateful guy orders me to do.
PLEASE MAKE A PACKED LUNCH FOR ME AND BRING IT TO SCHOOL.
Hurry up and say it!! You have ten seconds!!
...
...OK.

Hikari's mom
clip
clip
OH, MOM! MORNING!
HIKARI... WHAT ARE YOU DOING, HMM?
I THOUGHT I'D MAKE A PACKED LUNCH.
MOM...
I've told you over and over again to never use the kitchen.
!!!
Get out of the kitchen right NOW!!


When you're in the kitchen,
appliances become broken, ingredients are wasted, soup explodes...
Well, since you're a girl, I'd love to see you in the kitchen, but...
Mom. Why are you speaking in several dialects...?
Waa
NO, YOU CAN'T!
BUT.. BUT IF I DON'T MAKE A PACKED LUNCH...
I can make one for you, then
But it wouldn't count

tuk
tonk
Repairing the kitchen
What will you make your poor, tired father do?
Then, when you finish, your father has to go fix everything!!!

Done using the outside tap
AND HOW IS TODAY'S FEAT?
Of course, that will be the serving you eat everyday
SO, TO START WITH, WHEN YOU CAN PROPERLY MIX RICE, THEN I'LL LET YOU INTO THE KITCHEN.
tip
tap
...
Spartan Mother

What's the use in making something for Vietnamese people, idiot!

☆ Information ☆
The well-known Vietnamese raw spring rolls and pho are made using rice flour as well as many other Vietnamese dishes.

AND SCONES THAT HAVE BEEN BAKED DELICIOUSLY.
With dried raspberries
AH, THE PLEASANT MORNING SUNLIGHT.
Stomp Stomp Stomp
And the tea set will be the Royal Limoges Lord Duparis ♥
The jams will be raspberry, baked peach, and cream.
FOR THIS MORNING'S TEA, PERHAPS I'LL MIX BERRIES WITH MINT. ♡
AKIRA, YOU BUILT A KITCHEN HERE ON CAMPUS FOR YOURSELF, RIGHT?
OH, HIKARI, WHAT'S WRONG?
Akira!
Son of the school president
WILL YOU LET ME BORROW THE KITCHEN?
Well she makes everyone's lunches every day you know?
YES. I FORCED TADASHI TO MAKE IT FOR ME.

WAH!
HUH?
That's fine, but what are you doing wonder?
THIS KITCHEN IS MY PRIDE AND JOY.
frown
THIS IS AMAZING... IS THIS REALLY ON CAMPUS?
YUP.
BECAUSE ...
You seem kind of mad.
WHAT'S WRONG, AKIRA?
I DIDN'T KNOW THERE WAS SUCH A GREAT PLACE BEHIND THE GREENHOUSE.

Ha ha ha
WHY DOES A CUTE ANGEL LIKE YOU HAVE TO MAKE A PACKED LUNCH FOR THAT ANNOYING KEI?!
No expression
It seems like every thing is going the way he wants and it makes me mad!
WELL... I DID LOSE THE BET TO HIM, SO...
LET ME TRY SOME BEFORE ANYONE ELSE CAN, OK?
OK!
Tee hee!
I'LL MAKE A SUPER DELICIOUS PACKED LUNCH!
That's right.

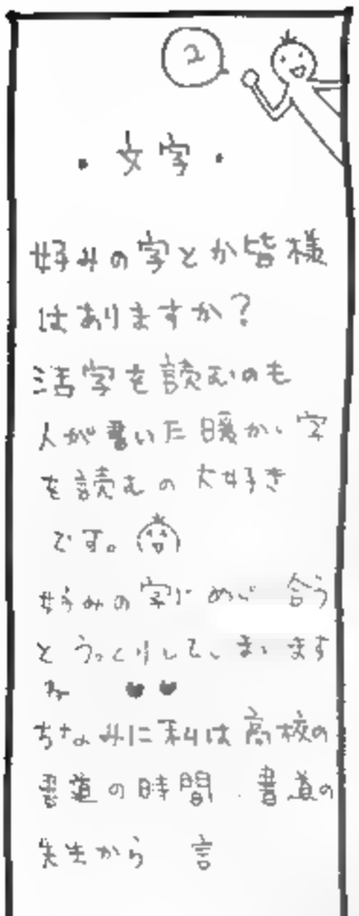
DID SOMETHING GOOD HAPPEN? HEY, KEI...
DID SOMETHING...
...and make him admit defeat
I'm always being led by Takishima, but I'll make a yummy packed lunch...
...

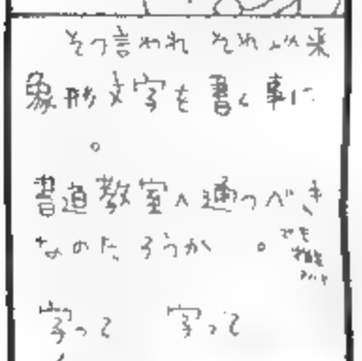
NO.
NOT REALLY.
Excuse me!
GOOD MORNING, EVERY-ONE.
OH, IT'S THE PRESI-DENT.
THE COWARDLY PRESIDENT.
AH, THE LOSER PRESIDENT, RIGHT?
very pleasantly
Wow, he's in a great mood!
w-wow
Scary
SOMETHING'S HAPPENED TO KE!....
I HEARD THAT HIKARI IS MAKING HIM A PACKED LUNCH.
He can't quite hide that aura of happiness.
Whisper
Um...

President, please calm down!
Let GO! I'll beat them to a pulp!
It's you that will be beaten up!
...SO, WHY ARE YOU HERE?
No, well, no reason in particular...
THAT IS...
Sly
Sly
Sly
Laura
Yuuta
cough
ahem
THAT GIRL, HANAZONO... IS SHE...
...HERE YET?
wonder
That's impossible!
SHE TRANSFERRED SCHOOLS YESTERDAY.
tremble
tremble

GRIND
GRIND
GRIND
Splash
Splash
The rice is being broken down into flour!!
So much force!!
Add water
Set it, and switch on
You're cooking
HAR!
NEXT, MAYBE I'LL CUT THE TAKLAN.
tremble
thump
SMASH
break it

Ah.
S-SORRY, THERE'S A CUT HERE...
I'll fix it I'll buy you a new one, too
Crumble
IT'S... IT'S OK...
Oh,
ARE YOU OK?
MORE IMPORTANTLY, MY STOMACH FEELS A LITTLE...
I'll pass on being the first taster
Takishima, I'm done!
I had to skip the four o'clock class
Light
HIS FACE DOESN'T SHOW IT, BUT KEI'S INCREDIBLY HAPPY.
HE REFUSED TO EAT ANY-THING SINCE MORNING...
huh
whisper
whisper
Here!





*"What Japanese people tend to say before they eat. Kind of like "bon appetit" or "enjoy your meal."

SLASH
drop
Gluh!
pick
WHAT'S THIS, KEI? YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING GOOD HERE.
Hm? It's smooth?
I WILL EAT IT...
Huh?
BOOOO
Plop
MOVE ...
What is it? A bomb in the form of a rice ball?!
Huh?
SILENCE...
drop
drop
Some one, please help!
I'm telling you it's dangerous.
S-stop, you'll die! That can't possibly be edible, I swear!

I'M MAKING ANOTHER ONE.
Op
Pick up.
Gulp.
...
I didn't know it was this bad even though we've been together for so many years.
IT COULD BE THAT SINCE SHE HAS NO TALENT IN COOKING WHATSOEVER, NO MATTER HOW HARD SHE TRIES, SHE CAN'T SUCCEED ON EFFORT ALONE.
...
Huh? Huh? Hikari made that? Huh?!
AND THAT WAS THE RESULT AFTER SEVERAL FAILED ATTEMPTS.
WELL, IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
Idiotic man
You idiotic man

If you're going to cook something,
you want to make something that will be praised as delicious, right
Now that I think about it...
Has self-control
I'LL ONCE AGAIN HAVE TO EAT RICE THAT'S STICKY AS GLUE...
Maybe I should just make raw spring rolls.
I just can't seem to control my strength.
AUGH... IT TURNED INTO FLOUR AGAIN...
Sharing
Looking
Looking
When I was little, I had to ground rice, but it either split or broke or the starch didn't come off,
And Mom would hit me every time.
but I've never, not once, gotten it right...
Could it be
N-no,
that I have trauma from grinding all that rice?!
that's not true!
That would just be an excuse.
I'm sure it will be all right if I keep trying at it.
And besides, I want to see his face when he admits defeat!
WHOSE FACE?

SUPREME
HMM...?
THE RICE IS TURNING INTO FLOUR.
I'M SORRY...
TO HANDLE RICE,
First, you wash your hands
Then, drain the water quickly, and feel the grains of rice as you knead them.
knead knead
YOU DO IT LIKE THIS.
AND THEN COOK IT. ♡
You're robbing it in my face, aren't you?!
Also, if you cook it in an earthenware pot it cooks faster and is even more delicious
Eggplant
Add water
Put it in the jar
drip
drip

...FOR ASKING YOU TO DO SUCH A TROUBLESOME TASK.
WELL,
DO YOUR BEST. ♡
What do you mean by that?!
Bye
What's up with him?
I'm sorry... for asking you to do such a troublesome task."
Could it be that...

But,
somehow,
Ha ha, no way.
That can't be!
...this is his own way of saying,
"Do your best!"
I'm really pumped up to do this.
PRESIDENT...
OK!!
WE HAVE TO STOP HER!
SHE'S MAKING A PACKED LUNCH FOR THAT GUY, HUH...
Jealous
NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES,
HMM...
YOU'RE ACTING LIKE A STALKER...
Or maybe you are a stalker?
JEEZ, YOU'RE BEING SO PETTY, PRESIDENT
Shut up!

HOW'S IT GOING?
TADASHI.
HEY, HIKARI, YOU'RE DOING YOUR BEST, HUH?
the truth is harsh.
Having said that,
flow...
WELL, IN YOUR CASE, AS LONG AS YOU MAKE HIM SOMETHING, HE'LL BE HAPPY.
ha ha ha -
I'M STILL NOT TRYING HARD ENOUGH.
AH, THAT REMINDS ME. HE'S RICH, SO HE CAN EAT WHATEVER HE WANTS.
YOU SEE, THAT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE...
HE'S NEVER HAD A "HANDMADE PACKED LUNCH" BEFORE.
THEN, WHY DID HE SAY THAT HE WANTS A PACKED LUNCH FROM YOU?

SOMEONE TOOK THE ORDER AND MADE IT, RIGHT?
That's not bad but
HUH...? BUT HE'S BROUGHT PACKED LUNCHES BEFORE, RIGHT...?
And in his family both parents work
IT'S NOT THAT...
OH, THOSE. THEY WERE ORDERED FROM SOME PLACE.
HE'S NEVER HAD A PACKED LUNCH THAT SOMEONE MADE JUST FOR HIM.
IS THAT ... SO...

POUR...

Just you wait, Takishima!

I will...

...feed you something delicious.

For some reason,

I actually want to make this now.

Takishima! Hey! It's done!
The rice is still in its rice shape, too!
...
It's...
...done!!
Here!!
Thump
WHY? IT'S BEEN A WHILE...
Wow!
He's actually a naive guy, isn't he?
Whisper
KEI STILL HASN'T EATEN ANYTHING AT ALL.
Whisper
ha ha ha
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR IT.

shy
For some reason,
Oooh!
WELL, IT LOOKS EDIBLE...
It's rice! It has the shape of rice!
Be quiet, you guys!

shy
shy
I'm nervous.
WELL, THEN.
I hope he enjoys it...

WHOOSH
catch
Itadakima...
Ha ha ha! This rice ball...
is now in the possession of the quite hungry Student President.
Itadakimasu!
chop

Bang
Augh!
Noooo!!
GROSS...
BAAARrrrr
...
Yuck
SO...
IT SEEMS YOU WANT TO GO BACK TO THE HOSPITAL ONCE MORE...
President's head
WHAT'S UP WITH THAT GUY?
Ms. Scarlet!
Snap
Crack

I ALMOST FED YOU SOMETHING GROSS...
I'M REALLY SORRY ...
SO...
SORRY, TAKISHIMA...
I WANT...
...TO EAT THIS.
Please hold this again

ITADAKIMASU.
BUT...
clap
...HE'S AN IDIOT
Takishima...

When I was making this,
REALLY...?
His face is proof of its deliciousness.
That guy has no sense of taste.
YES.
IT'S REALLY DELICIOUS.
IS THAT SO...
I...

OH, YEAH
SLAM
WELL, AN EMPTY STOMACH MAKES ANYTHING TASTY..
eek
Times like these...
NEXT TIME, I'LL MAKE ENOUGH FOR EVERYONE!
...!!!
...just wanted to see this face.
I'M GLAD...
NOW THEN...
MAYBE I'LL USE MY TIME LATER TO EXTERMINATE THE STUDENT PRESIDENT.
I let him go just now but.
Ah ha ha ha
Hey Don't say violent things like that
Scary!
...are really nice.

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Chapter 7

...Ever since I was little, I've always done everything by myself.

It's easier and faster, and everyone around me is satisfied with it.

IT'S ANOTHER CHALLENGE FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL!

OH!

• Profile •

Sometimes I get letters asking, "Can you tell us the characters' profiles?" I thank you for holding an interest in the characters. It makes me happy.

I will publish the profiles by the third volume, but this magazine decided to publish Tadashi's BIO data.

You won't tell?

He was born on 9/9. Ha ha

B

Vir Virg...

Virgo?

This is a special class within a prestigious school for rich kids.
AGAIN? I THOUGHT THEY LEARNED THE R LESSON WITH THE PRO WRESTLING.
I THOUGHT THEY LEARNED FROM THE ONIGIRI INCIDENT..
What a fiction-ary view!
has begun disputing the SA's special status. So, he's started issuing challenges for contests.
Lately, the Student Council President, who has been recently discharged from the hospital,
This class is known as "Special A" or "SA" for short.
Distinguished from the normal classes due to the different uniforms and school building, this class has everything.
!!
HIS STRUGGLE IS FUTILE AT BEST.
In spite of this, I, Hanazono Hikari, like the Student Council President.
WELL,
Why?

Eternally in second place
I always lose, but
YOU...
I dare you to say that again!
Ra
Ge
IT'S POINTLESS TO KEEP ISSUING CHALLENGES FOR CONTESTS YOU DON'T WIN.
I, too, challenge this man, Takishima Kei, to contests day after day.
SO VERY-POINTLESS.
You're really making me mad, Takishima!
IT'S POINTLESS.
...
IT'S POINTLESS, POINTLESS, POINTLESS, POINTLESS, SECOND PLACE.
Second Place ♪

EXCUSE ME MAY I COME IN?
That's how all this began.
you're on! I'll show you it's not point-less!

2-A
shuffle
EVEN THOUGH IT'S STRANGE, I ASK THAT YOU HEAR ME OUT.
H. I HAVE A REQUEST.
It's you...!
Dash

I DON'T WANT TO CAUSE ANY TROUBLE TO THE OTHER SA MEMBERS!
I APOLOGIZE FOR MY EXCEEDINGLY SELFISH REQUEST, BUT
CAN'T YOU LET THE SA PASS ON THE CONTEST THIS TIME AROUND?
HANAZONO-SAN, OF COURSE, IT'S ALL RIGHT!
Formally Asking
PLEASE LET ME JOIN YOUR SIDE FOR THE CHALLENGE YOU ISSUED.

GAHH!
Hikari's cooking sucks so bad that it could lead to death!
...THIS ONIGIRI.
I couldn't think of anything else to bring.
?
?

THERE'S NO NEED TO GET ON YOUR KNEES LIKE THAT ♡
The other 2A students are all friendly
That idiot
OH?
IT'S SOMETHING THAT IDIOT STARTED ON HIS OWN.
My manner's out of whack
PLEASE ACCEPT...
WHAT'S THAT?
U-UM... TO SHOW MY THANKS...

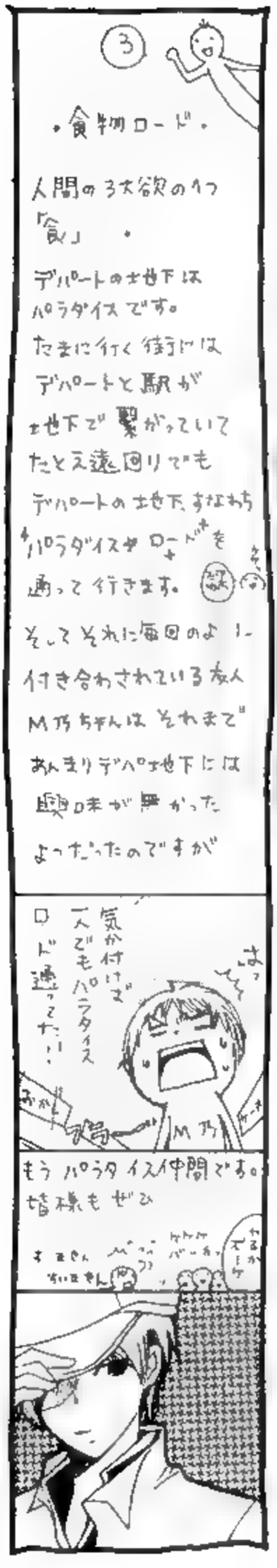
WHAT'S MORE, THE CONTEST THIS TIME IS A RECEPTION PARTY.
IT'S ALL KEI'S FAULT THAT HIKARI WENT OVER TO THE DARK SIDE!
I don't feel like making tea anymore
REALLY, NOW...
LAST YEAR, WE BORROWED THE RECEPTION HALL TO COMMEMORATE THE SCHOOL'S ANNIVERSARY.
Before that, it was Christmas
EVERY YEAR THE SA HOLDS A FUNCTION TO ENTERTAIN THE ENTIRE SCHOOL.
...
*Japanese Buddhist folk dance
Big festival lover
Yay, Festival! Portable shrine! Rows of shops!
Bon Odori* Fireworks!
It's a little different mood but
INDEED. IT'S AN EVENT THAT HIKARI WOULD ENJOY...
Like this
Or like this
Waah!
Hikari!
I BET THEY'LL EVEN MAKE DECORATIONS TOGETHER!

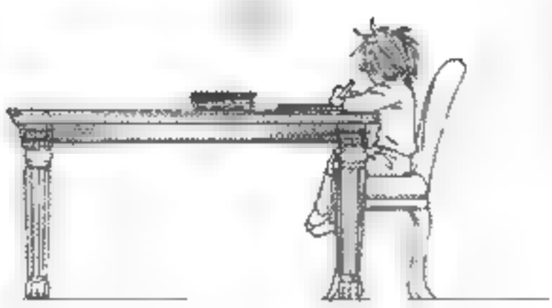
THAT S RIGHT. IT S ALL RIGHT FOR A RECEPTION PARTY TO BE SHOWY, RIGHT?
WE AND THE SA WILL DO OUR OWN TH.NG WITH OUR PARTIES,
IS THIS REALLY THE EVENT?
Wow!
HEY!
mutter mutter
It's Manazono san!
YOU KNOW,
THE ONE WITH THE MOST VOTES WINS.
AND THEN WE LL LET THE STUDENTS VOTE TO DEC DE WHICH IS BETTER.
Ha ha ha ha
You have no chance of winning. You're second place after all
TAKI-SHIMA ...!
YOU WANT TO WIN AGAINST THAT TAKISHIMA BRAT, RIGHT?!
Genuine festival lover
IT'S NOT SOMETHING TO DISPUTE OVER.
A FESTIVAL IS MEAN.NG-LESS IF EVERYONE DOESN'T HAVE FUN TOGETHER.
It's Ok to quarrel over something within the festi-val but
ANGRY

DON'T CRY, AKIRA...
Sob
Sob
Bring us tea before food.
Sleep after victory!
All right! Let's DO this!
How simple minded!
Sob
Sob
Sob
Sob
Sob
...WHILE DIL- GENTLY MAK NG DECORATIONS.
I'm so lonely
HIKAR... SHE DIDN'T COME TO THE GREENHOUSE AT ALL. SHE'S PROB- ABLY SECLUDING HERSELF N THE 2-A STUDY ROOM...
Yay!
You're pissing me off!
Snap
Vigor
...
SILENT
Hey, Kei! Say something, will you?!

DO WHAT YOU WANT.
Even if you pull the plug,
it still runs on a battery.
Glare
shock
I'm Gonna GO join the Dark side with Hikaru!
And you can't say a word about it!
PC power cable

...
WELL,
IS THERE ANYTHING WE CAN DO?
...
KE ALWAYS WANTS TO DO THINGS BY HIMSELF.
Wahh!
Hikaru!
Slam
But what about tea and food?
THERE SHE GOES.
I M ARRANGING THINGS RIGHT NOW.
BY THE WAY, WHAT ARE WE DOING FOR THE RECEPTION, KE!?





It's always been easiest that way.

ERR...
THIS IS...?
OH! FESTIVAL DECORATIONS!
AND THIS PERSON IS...?
THIS IS AKIRA.
STICKS
GR
in
Akira
WELL, WELL ...
Somehow this is turning into something weird
THERE ARE TWO BEAUTIES HERE. I'M VERY HAPPY.
Hello, I'm Matsumoto
You over there!
Don't be swayed!
BY THE WAY, HOW DID IT GO WITH THE EVENT PLACE ARRANGEMENTS AND SUCH?
WELL, IT'S ON SUDDEN NOTICE AND WE'RE CONSTRAINED BY OUR RESOURCES.
BUT, BY USING THE POWER OF MONEY, I THINK WE'LL BE OK.
Hey!
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?
WE'RE GONNA BE THE ONES FORCED TO CANCEL THE RECEPTION!

WILL YOU GUYS HELP WITH MAKING THESE DECORATIONS?
Yeah! Just as Hikari said.
yay
yay
THERE ARE MANY BUILDINGS AND HALLS WITHIN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS, RIGHT?
WA~
NO PROB.
WAIT ...
AKIRA, DO YOU WANT TO GO ASK THEM TOGETHER?
SURE
Should we go ask for cooperation from the Shouten gai district?
THAT'S RIGHT. LET'S PUT OUT FOOD STANDS!
EH?!
Food stands?
WOW...
Delicious food!
And then me! descending from a gondola!
A variety of shows.
A big-game talent speaker
WHAT HAS BECOME OF MY PARTY PLAN...
How mean!
By the way, those two are gone
Wah!
I hate those kinds of parties
WHAT A RELIEF THAT'S NOT HAPPENING IT SEEMS LIKE TOO MUCH.
OOH!
DAIKIN
ダイキン エアコン
VANCL
ヴァンクル 化粧品
カードなら JCB
DAIKYO

BY HIMSELF?
Yeah, that's right!
OH WELL, IT'S BETTER FOR HIM TO DO EVERY-THING BY HIMSELF ANYWAY
WHAT IS IT WITH KE AND ALWAYS DOING THINGS BY HIMSELF?
IS THAT SO?
As I thought, being together with Hikaru is nice.
Today, we can take the car home!
...
He's...
...is always doing things by himself?
Here, have this.
Yay!
Eek!
Ok, I'll help
Lovely
He he he
Hey, Hikaru-chan!
Take a look at this dish, dear. Give it a try!
Thanks

He's alone...
Takishima...
With an expression like that...
There's no way you're having fun, right?

WE'RE ALSO MAKING PROG- ARRANGE- MENTS.
YOU'RE RIGHT.
THE REST OF THE SCHOOL IS LOOKING FOR- WARD TO THE RECEPTION.
HA HA HA!
Wah!
Wah
I can't wait!
AFTER ALL, EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE FUN DURING FESTIVALS.
REALIZES
IT'S A PITY FOR THE LOSERS, BUT THEY DON'T REALLY QUALIFY TO HAVE FUN, DO THEY?
He's all alone, isn't he?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
MORE- OVER...
YET... YOU'RE SAYING THAT EV- ERYONE SHOULD HAVE FUN?
YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN THAT THIS IS A CONTEST, RIGHT?

THE LOSER DOESN'T QUALIFY TO HAVE FUN?
THAT'S WHY WE—
SHUT UP.
...EVERYONE IN SA HAS TONS OF MONEY. I'M SURE THEY'RE PREPARING SOMETHING EXTRAVAGANT.
LISTEN! EVERYONE IS "QUALIFIED" TO HAVE FUN.
...are challenging and exciting!
contests...
That's right.

"Win or lose...
...contests are fun."
Sigh

"Ever since I was little, I've always done everything by myself.

It's easier and faster, and everyone around me is satisfied with it."

I...

Takishima! Answer me!

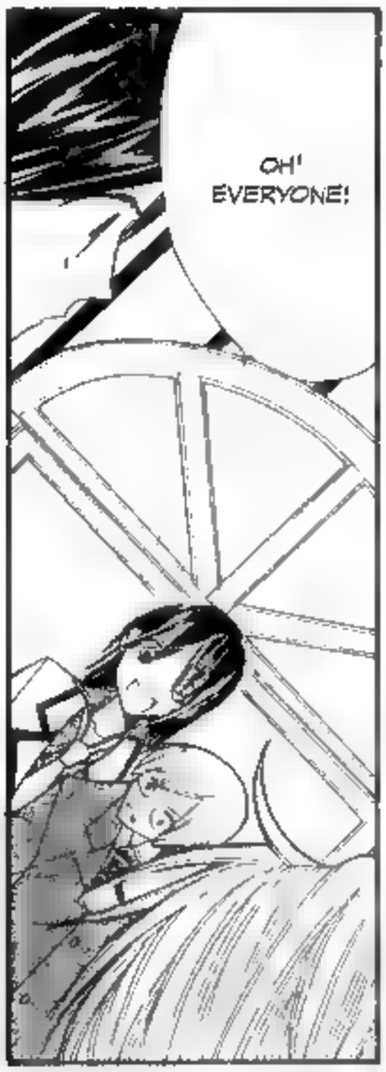
Fun...?

Are you really having fun doing things by yourself?!

I CHAL-
LENGED
YOU, BUT
...
HAVING FUN
TOGETHER WITH
EVERYONE IS
DEFINITELY
MORE IMPOR-
TANT!
I MISS HAVING
YOU AROUND!
SO...
...DON'T YOU
WANT TO HAVE
FUN TO-
GETHER?

Immediate Reply
YES, I DO.
THIS IS THE WAY IT SHOULD BE.
AH! ♡
YOU'RE RIGHT, ♡
chomp
chomp
BY THE WAY, WHAT BECAME OF THE PARTY?
THERE ARE A FEW THINGS I'D LIKE EVERYONE'S HELP WITH.
ABOUT THAT...

SPACE RESERVATIONS, ETC. ARE ALREADY TAKEN CARE OF, BUT...
IS THAT SO?
THEN LEAVE THE REST TO US!

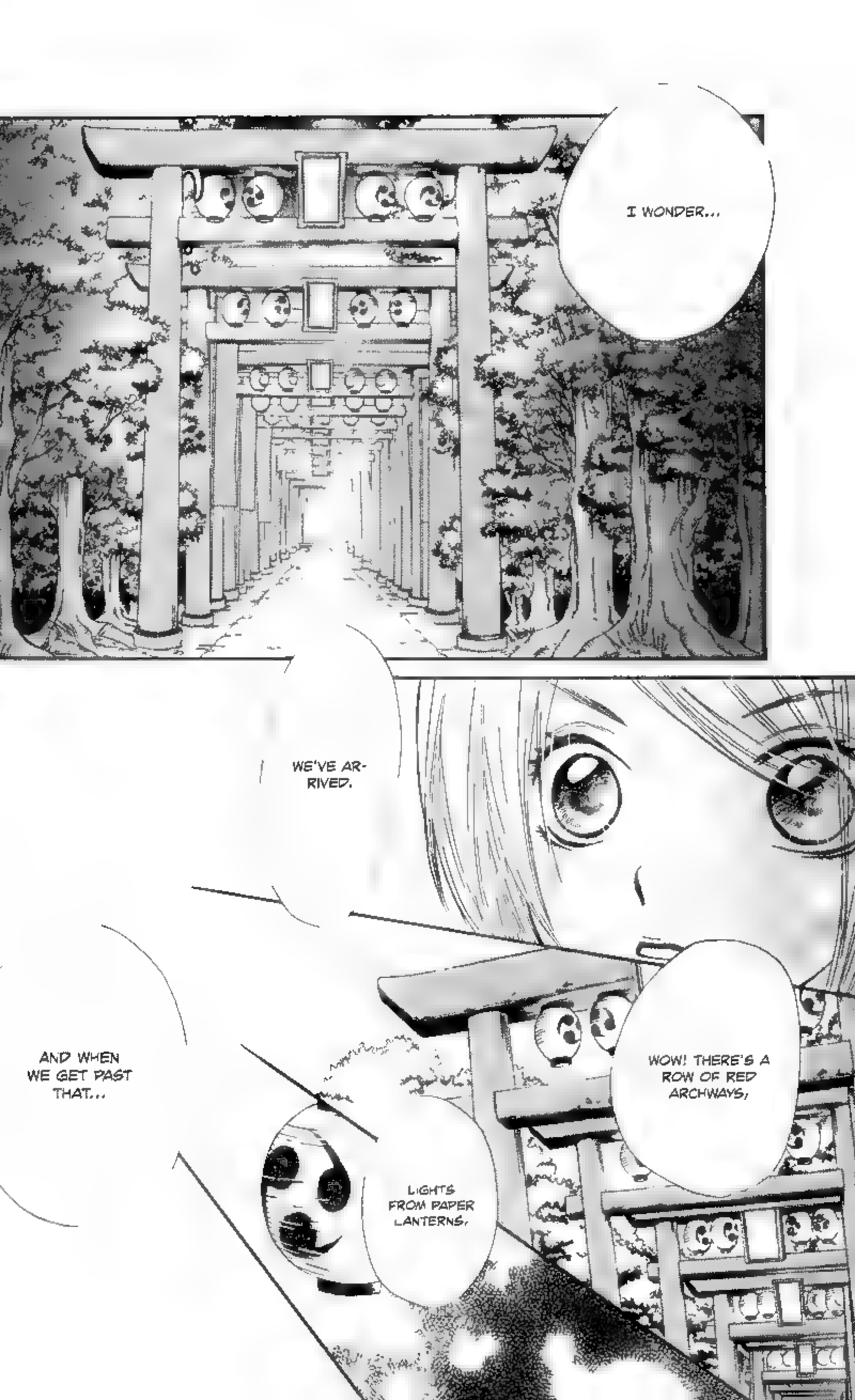

OH! EVERYONE!

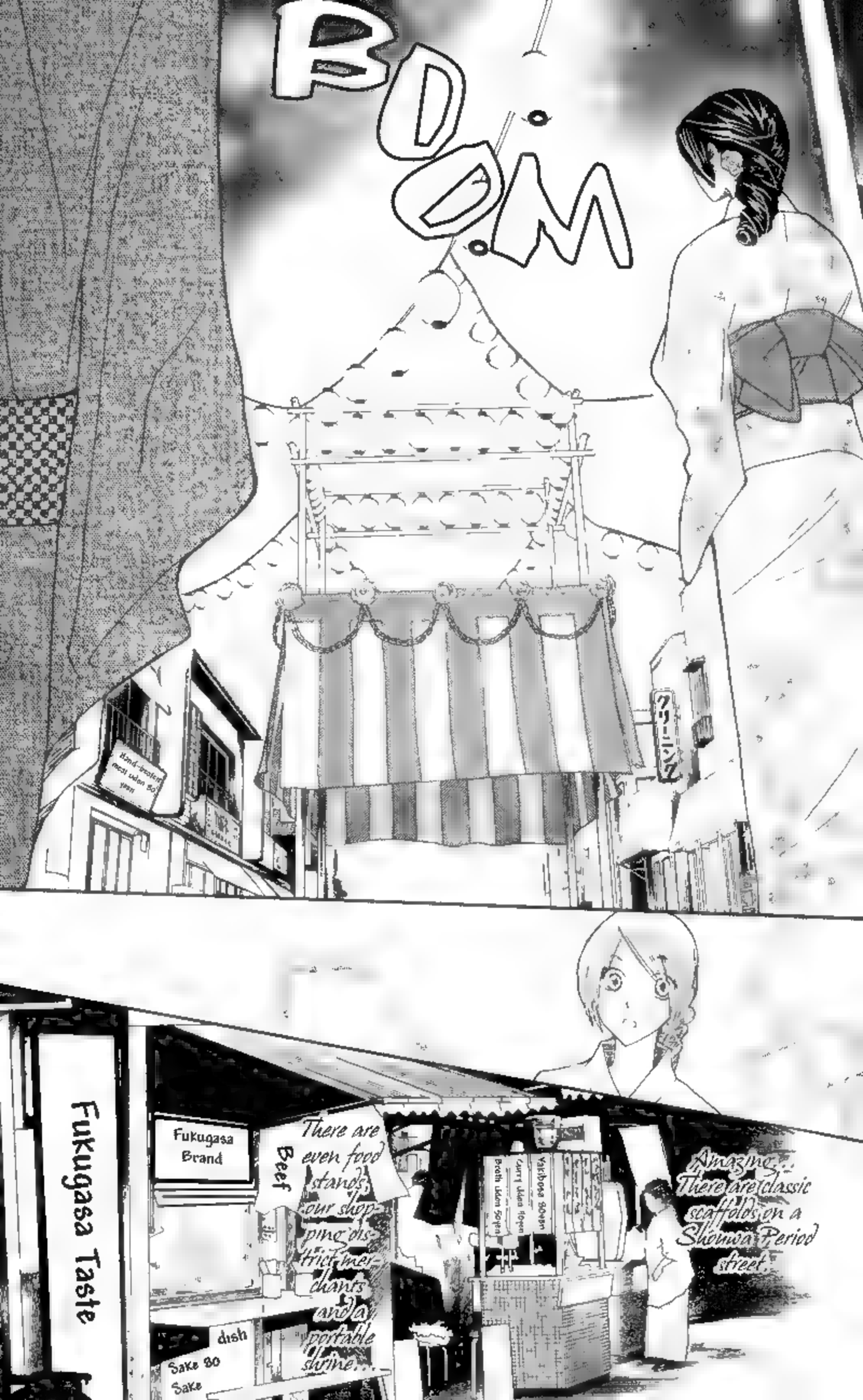
"So...
"...don't you want to have fun together?"

WILL YOU CALL THE FANKYU BROTHERS AGAIN?
HEY.
Wha...?! I'm...!
WOULD T BE OK FOR THESE GUYS TO HELP US?
WHAT?!
That's right!
YES...
This is how festival planning is supposed to be!

Grin
TAKISHIMA, WE'VE PREPARED WHAT YOU'VE REQUESTED.
BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT KIND OF PARTY YOU'RE PLANNING.
chatter
THEY SAID PARTY, BUT ISN'T THIS MORE LIKE A CRUISE?
BUT, WHY THE CASUAL CLOTHES?
chatter
HEY
HONK
YOU CAN LOOK FORWARD TO FINDING OUT.
EVERYONE! WELCOME TO THE SA AND STUDENT COUNCIL ORGANIZED RECEPTION PARTY!
We're using my company's cruiser ♥
WE ARE CURRENTLY TAKING EVERYONE TO AN ISLAND.

BEATS ME.
HEY, AKIRA, WHAT IS ALL THIS?
whisper
whisper
KE! TOLD RYUU TO CHANGE INTO ONE OF THE YUKATA WE BROUGHT.
Smile♡
IF ANYONE IS HAVING TROUBLE WITH THEIR OUTFIT, PLEASE COME TO ROOM 2F.
UNTIL THEN, PLEASE CHANGE INTO THE OUTFITS WAITING IN THE GUEST ROOMS AND WAIT.
Island...?
HONK
murmur
murmur
LOOK! IT'S AN ISLAND
TAKISHIMA! WHAT HAVE YOU PLANNED?
AND NOW...


I WONDER...
WE'VE AR-
RIVED.
WOW! THERE'S A
ROW OF RED
ARCHWAYS,
AND WHEN
WE GET PAST
THAT...
LIGHTS
FROM PAPER
LANTERNS,


BOOM
クリーニング
Hand-pealed meat udon 80 yen
Fukugasa Taste
Fukugasa Brand
Beef
dish
Sake 80
Sake
Yakiniku donburi
Curry udon 60yen
Broth udon 50yen
There are even food stands, our shopping district merchants and a portable shrine...
Amazing... There are classic scaffolds on a Showa Period street.

AKIRA LOANED THE SHIP, RYU PREPARED THE YUKATA, TADASHI ARRANGED FOR THE SCHOOL'S PERMISSION AND FOOD STANDS.
AND JUN AND MEGUMI HANDLED THE
I JUST BORROWED IT.
THIS AREA IS CURENTLY BEING DEVELOPED FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES
THIS IS...!
SO, HIKARI...
ARE YOU HAVING FUN?

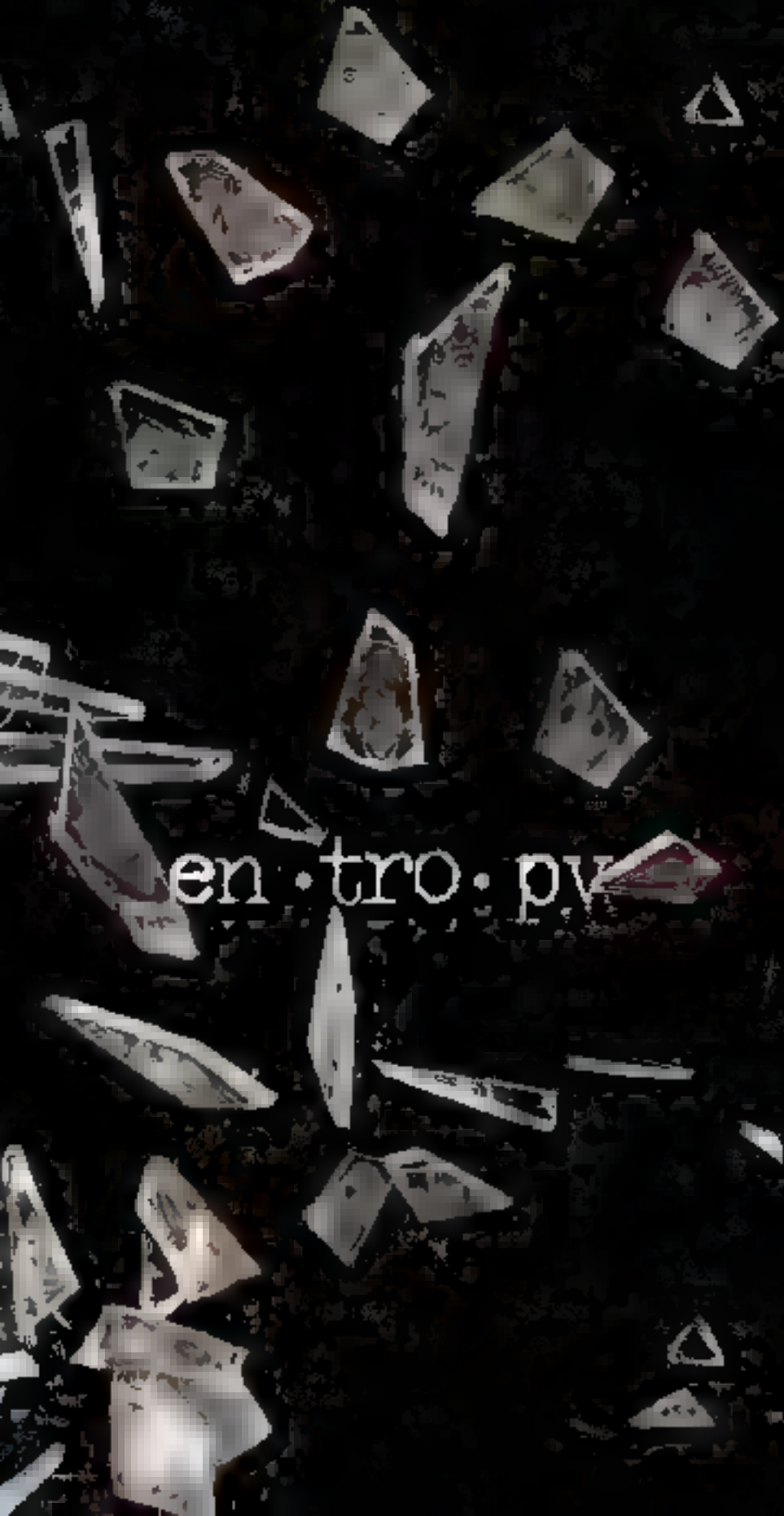
Don't think you've won the Battle!
BOOM
But...
...OF COURSE IT'S FUN!
...I'm no match for him.
As I thought...
JEEZ! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
SOME-THING LIKE THIS...

This isn't a contest, all right?
Why are you laughing?!

the anticipation for the next match.
...win or lose, there's one thing that is never changes—

IT SEEMS LIKE IT WAS ALL FOR HIKARI.
What a guy
Well if you look at the portable shrine, food stands, and scaffolds...
Uh... I FEEL THAT THIS PARTY...
Or festival

Because next time, I'll certainly win!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Special · A

I'M GOING TO CÔTE D'AZUR. ♡
I'M GOING TO BUKIT WITH MY FAMILY!
WHERE'RE YOU GOING FOR SUMMER VACATION—?
Even though it's right before finals,
everyone's feeling festive.
I, Hanazono Hikari,
don't have time to be festive.
Clank

• Assistant-san •

I've gotten into the habit of calling Assistant-san for every chapter ever since the serialization started. Thank you for coming every time. I want to use this space to thank you. Thank you to Akikou-san and Nisshii-san for bringing the fun in the workplace to the max. A workplace where I'm not alone is very fun. Thank you so much. And for all of you friends who came specially to lend a hand, thank you!

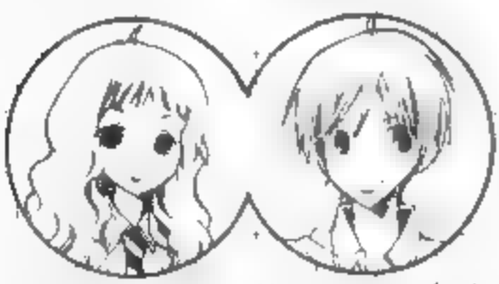
WELL, THAT'S HIKARI FOR YOU.
But I've never heard of them having a monster like that for a player...!
Wh-
Good-bye, homerun
AND THAT'S ONLY WHAT SHE'S LIKE BEFORE BREAKFAST.
What the?! I've heard of that rich school's soft-ball team...
By the way, the school I attend...
...is a high-class, elite school,
so everyone here is rich.
...is called Special A (or, for short, SA).
SHE'S A MEMBER OF THE SA.
who can attend a special class.
Among them are seven selected people,
Eek!
That class...
...STUPID, YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT HANAZONO ?

Tsuji Ryuu.
Seventh in the class.
Son of a manager of a sports company.

Of course, all the members of SA are amazing.

Toudou Akira.
Sixth in the class and daughter of a manager of an airline company

Karino Tadashi.
Fifth in the class.
Son of the school director.



Yamamoto Mecumu (fourth in the class) & Jun (third in the class).
Twin siblings of a virtuoso music family

SO?
HOW WAS HIS MATCH?
Hanazono Hikari.
Daughter of a head carpenter.
Second in the class.
There's a reason why I'm attending this school when I live with a normal family and have no connections here whatsoever.

...AMAZING. HE DEFEATED THE CANDIDATE FOR CHAMPION OF THE NATIONAL TOURNAMENT IN ONE MINUTE.
The reason I attend ... ...this school...
Eek!!
Bye
FACE HIT!
...is because of that man.
It's to defeat Takishima Kei.
Takishima Kei. Son of the manager of Takishima Company.

IF YOU DON'T HURRY TO REST AND STUDY,
YOU'LL BE SECOND IN THE FINALS AGAIN.
IS IT ALL RIGHT FOR YOU TO BE WASTING YOUR TIME HERE?
What DO you want?
HIKARI.

Playback from a few days ago
POINT NUMBER 1
Anyway, I'm on a mission to accomplish two things no matter what.
GO SOMEWHERE WITH EVERYONE FOR SUMMER VACATION?

Don't call me Second Place!!
HMM? SECOND-PLACE-SAN?
IS IT ALL RIGHT FOR YOU TO LOSE THIS MATCH AGAIN?

Takishima was the one who, when we were little, suddenly appeared out of nowhere and defeated me as though it were nothing.
...even though I was previously undefeated, having been trained by my pro-wrestling fan of a father
Hmph!
THAT WAS NOTHING
And then her rivalry started burning.
Knockdown For Takishima.
thu

shock
The sarcastic people who can't relate to the words "no money."
I DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY, ANYWAY
I'll go if it's a commoner's pool
"I don't want to cause any more trouble for Dad and the others."
OH, SORRY. I DON'T THINK I CAN MAKE IT.
"I want to fly, but
THAT'S RIGHT! LET'S ALL GO SOMEWHERE TOGETHER!
"Hikari—! If it's money I'll pay for it—!"
"I don't want Hikari to be absent."
"N-no, I can't let you."
IN THAT CASE,
WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A PART-TIME JOB AT MY PLACE?
Wh-what do you say?!
OH, I GUESS IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIKARI.
Wh-WHO WOULD DO One at your place?!
...to beat Takishima in finals, who betted what job will pay for my travel fees.
"If I lose, I have to take Takishima's part-time job. If I win, I get to choose what I want."
Kei
He probably won't let us bet
"I bet on Kei, too."
"Ah ha ha ha ha!"
Bet Kei will win
The first part is...

AND THE HORSE USED FOR ENTERTAINMENT WENT RAMPANT AND INJURED MANY PEOPLE.
LIKE I'D DO THAT, BASTARDS!!
FFFFH!
SHOCK
AMONG THOSE INJURED WERE MANY REGULARS OF THE EXERCISE CLUB...
"What kind of party was this ?"
YES. . A FEW DAYS AGO, MY FRIEND HELD A BIRTHDAY PARTY.
A SUPPORTER?
And the other part...
. . . is to support the other clubs.
I'LL TAKE ALL OF THEM MYSELF.
...
"Wha?!"
I Get it. I GET IT!
Please. It doesn't matter if it's just the regional tournament!
clatter
"Let us goooo!!"
clatter
...
"And you still have that match with me."
"Hump."
. YOU SURE HAVE TIME. .
TAKISHIMA-SAN.
UM . I HAVE A REQUEST FOR A SUPPORTER ..
BUT THE OTHER 5A MEMBERS TSUJI-SAN AND KARINO-SAN ARE.
OTHERWISE THE MATCH WOULDN'T BE FAIR, RIGHT,
HIKARI?
This way, there's no handicap ♥

what comes after the matches...
Bounce
And so,
OH, AND ONE MORE THING,
DON'T PUSH YOURSELF TOO HARD, OK?
And thus ends the flashback
WHOOSH
SMASH
and following those matches...
Is she really a girl?!
What's with that power?!
A-amazing!! What's with that Player?!
She scored again!
...is studying
We can't keep up
Grr
No more
Then I participate in practices for the matches,

...is studying. (It's an endless cycle.)
THUD
shock!
HIKARI-.
IT'S ABOUT TEATI-
clatter
clatter
OH.
dazed
clatter
clatter
crash
Eek! Hikari's all beaten up!
Someone, call an ambulance?! And then some Este too?! Her eyes
WH-WHAT? I'M ALL RIGHT ..
HIKARI, YOU'RE GETTING MORE AND MORE..
...free time.
Are you a mother or something?
A mother?
The police-!!
UM.
THE BALLET CLUB HAS A FAVOR TO ASK OF HANAZONO-SAN..
...

A FAVOR?
WHAT IS-?
WHAT'S THE FA-
thud
!
I ACCEPT IT.
..
Don't Butt in!!
shove
IS IT SUPPORT FOR A MATCH?
Y-YES...

YOU CAN'T JUST IGNORE THOSE IN NEED.
YOU SHOULD REFUSE A FEW.
YOU REALLY ARE ACCEPTING A BIT TOO MUCH.
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
Thanks
,HEY, HIKARI..
That's great!
AFTER ALL, I'M WORKING HARD.
ha ha
..
if this much beats me down already,
I can't win against Takishima.
Besides,

POURING
HM?
OH NO, HIKARI! YOUR HAIR'S ALL WET!
I'LL MANAGE IT SOMEHOW!
BESIDES, AFTER THIS, THERE ARE ONLY THE KENDO AND BALLET MATCHES.
drip
ha ha ha
HM?
I WONDER IF WE CAN DO SOMETHING
, YEAH.
EARPLUGS?
dry it right this minute—!
THERE WASN'T ANY TIME, SO FOR NOW, I JUST LEFT IT BRAIDED AND CAME HERE.
HEY! WHEN I WAS OUT RUNNING THIS MORNING, IT STARTED RAINING.
Eeeeeek!!
achoo
I'm fine.
A cold?!
you're cold
...
drag
Come here now! Hurry and dry up

INNOCENCE
IMPERTURBABLE
JUST PUT ON YOUR EAR PLUGS WHEN YOU GET THE SIGNAL, GOT IT?
HUH, ?
You serious?
We'll be beating the drum!
Here's how it is
It doesn't seem to be some thing cursed
Yeah, like a curse
MURMUR
MURMUR
MURMUR
don
The sign?
He really has the drum!
What?
put
NOW, Jun, MeGumi!
. THEY COULDN'T BE. .

EH?
EH?
Everyone! cover your ears!!
whoosh...
?!
Explanation time!
The twins talent with music is so awful that if a normal person hears it, amazing things will happen!!
Yeah, right!
crash
shock
what is this?!
Wh-
CLANK!
ROAR!
The Melody of Hell!!
Gahhhhhh..
Remote Control

WHA—?
guiin!
guiin!
The match will go on somehow.
WELL, WE'VE APOLOGIZED TO THE OTHER TEAM'S MEMBERS ALREADY.
YOU GUYS DID IT WITH ME IN MIND.
I'M REALLY SORRY.
nag nag
And strained people?
I'm sorry! I'm sorry! I'm sorry!
They shouldn't do these things.
DID THE EARPLUGS FAIL..?
Yeah!!
They failed!
guiin!
guiin!
You think I can play hookey by myself?!
They failed immediately for the other's too!
That's right!
IT'S ABOUT TIME WE GO TO KEI'S MATCH!
The match is being held near here.
TH-THAT'S RIGHT!
runs
I'M GOING TOO..
To see Takishima's match!
Achoo!
...
YOU MEN REALLY DON'T THINK THINGS THROUGH WELL.
Megumi's fine because she's cute
guiin!
..I
I'm just about fed with the lectures

KICK
Eeek!!!
Hikari, do you have a cold?!
I-I'M FINE.
You really do!
ARGH. YOU'RE NOISY-
Slap
What'd you say?!
HIKARI.
WHOOSH
whistle
AND HE DOESN'T HAVE A DROP OF SWEAT ON HIM
He's a machine!
THAT PLAYER'S AMAZING!

. YOU LOOK PRETTY TIRED.
. NO.
The first half just ended.
Go to your match!
WH-WHAT?!
WHY DON'T YOU WITHDRAW FROM THE REST OF THE MATCHES ALREADY?
...I..
I'm not tired!
...What's with that?
Oh, really?

That look just now...
He looked like he was actually worried.
...What's with that?
Is he my mother or something?
Like I'd be tired here!
I can't win against Takishima of I am!
achoo
achoo
...
The next day
DAZED
I wonder why...
...my body feels even heavier today.
See? told you so.
Ah!
No, it doesn't!
CLENCH
shake
shake
11
13
7

He's watching me with a pretty intense face...
stare..
stare..
SPECTATOR SEATS
Ah!
Someone's watching me?
I can pull through a match with sheer will power.
...
The match is impossible now
Ha ha ha! I told you so!
it'd be frustrating
He's as sharp as a witch. If he finds out,
..HEH.
Trying to hold it in
hee hee
hee hee
hee hee hee hee hee
shock
I can pass this!
Oh, no, a sneeze..!
gulp
phew
I managed to hold it in somehow.
whistle
The first match is starting..

AH!
stare
shake
OW...
bounce
HUH?
HANAZONO-SAN!
Damn it, even to the point when my head hurts...
I'll laugh at myself!
I'll defeat it right here, right now!
It was nothing! Nothing at all!
Like I'd lose!
That's Hanazono-san of SA for you!
WHISTLE
The match is over—!
Waver...
We won but there are two more matches after this

I can't hear you...
He's just going to say, "You're wasting your efforts," or something like that.
During the basketball tournament
YOU'RE WASTING YOUR EFFORTS.
IT'D BE TROUBLESOME IF HIKARI GOES.
If I think about it, it was always like that.
During the pro-wrestling match
Oh, no!
I can't let Takishima get any closer..!
It's dangerous!
HIKARI
jump
It's always like that..
GRAB
Guh!
place
SLIP
What're yo—
AH!

YOU HAVE A FEVER THIS HIGH...
...
RIGHT NOW...
..D-
...
When I have a fever,
Don't say, "Don't go in the match," or, "Don't work so hard," or, "Stop the match!"
Don't say that!
why...
I...
Don't say any more!

...do I blurt out weird things?
EVEN MORE THAN WHEN OTHERS SAY THEM...
WHEN YOU SAY THOSE THINGS, TAKISHIMA,
I GET REALLY SAD!
I UNDER-STAND
Huu...
SHE'S SO CUTE
...
SLEEP WELL TONIGHT.
DON'T OVERDO YOURSELF NO MATTER WHAT.
I'LL SLEEP.
Nod
Nod
I WON'T.
Pat
THEN

DO YOUR BEST.

HANAZONO-SAN'S NOT HERE--
I wonder where she is
Yes.
Those...
...were the words I wanted to hear the most.
I THOUGHT SHE SAID SHE'D DO THE NEXT TOURNAMENT AS WELL.
WANT TO RETURN TO THE PLACE AND CHECK?
OK.
HEH.

...NOT LACKING SO MUCH STAFF THAT YOU HAVE TO RELY ON OTHERS, IS IT?
OR IS T THAT NO ONE PRAC-TICED?
TA-TAKISHIMA-SA—
Eeek...
YOUR CLUB'S...
COULD YOU STOP BURDENING HANAZONO-SAN FROM NOW ON?

Maybe it's because Takishima told me to do my best...
...
Ok
Smile
WILL YOU PLEASE?

And then...
...that the two other matches finished without a hitch
and I did nothing but sleep that day.
refreshed~
Completely healed ☆
YOU DID A GREAT JOB.
HEY!
SUPPORT FOR THE OTHER CLUBS SEEMS TO BE DOING FINE ALREADY.
It looks like we'll do something about it somehow.
THAT'S GREAT, AND. .
WAH!
What's wrong, you two
Right! I'm so glad!

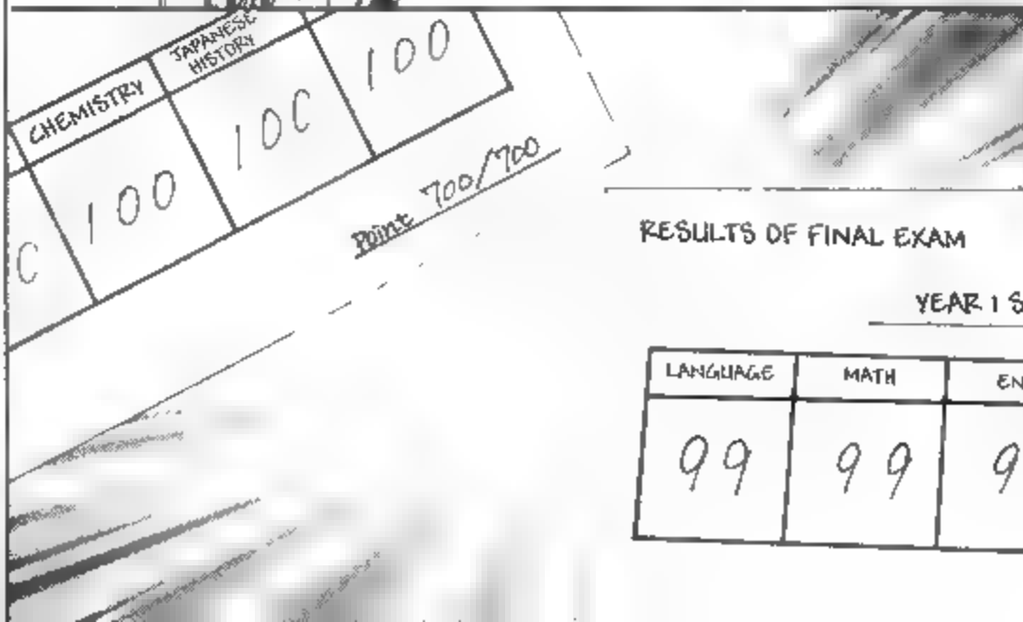
THAT'S GREAT.
smile
Take that, Takishima! I'm completely healed!
...
...
This time, I'll be calling you second place, you bastard!!
I won't be able to relax from now on!
Y-you idiot!
And so,
I'LL LOOK FORWARD TO IT
don't!

Drawing Materials
I love the owner of the art store, too. I'm stunned by all the various kinds of drawing tools there. The art store is already a kind of paradise: Among the items there, I buy the milli-pens like an idiot. (Milli-pens are like felt-tip pens about 0.03mm wide.)
If you remove the cap
Right now I'm using a 0.1 milli-pen to draw this
Thanks to that, amazing things happened in my house with my new milli-pens. The milli-pens that ran out of ink all got mixed together with the new ones.
Which one do I use?!
Oh, nooo
And now, they're also mixed in with the calligraphy pens as well.
It's just as you say.
Hee hee
Ah, ha ha!
Sort them out, idiot!

and before long, they passed
BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP

finals started,
He's already done!

Ready, set...
FINE WITH ME
don't care
...
we're looking at them at the same time. GOT it, Takishima?!
The grade reports!
Would you like some tea?
We know without seeing them
Well the reports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100
Point 700/700
RESULTS OF FINAL EXAM
YEAR 1 S
LANGUAGE
MATH
ENGL
99
99
99

ALL 99
SECOND PLACE
Worse than I did on the midterms?
All 100
First place
HEY, NINETY-NINE.
Well, it looked like it was amazingly hard this time
The average was lower too.
HIKARI.
What'd you say?!!
AGAIN.
It's frustrating to lose, but there's always next time.
By the way,
?!
GOOD JOB.
WHAT WAS THAT. ?
I wonder if my face is warming up because I have another fever.
WELL, THEN. LET'S HAVE YOU WORK.
Gah!
I forgot--!!
Temperature dropping.

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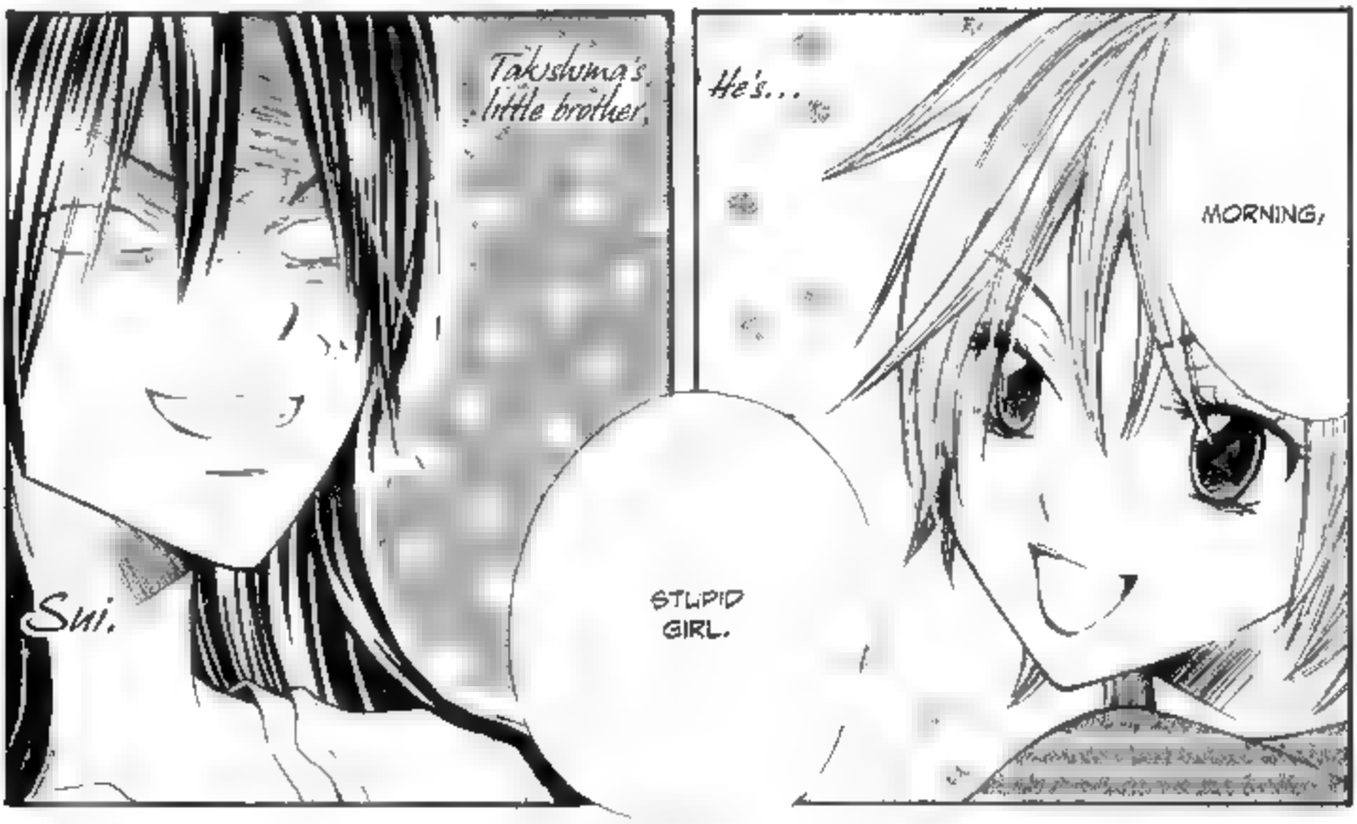
Chapter 9

When I opened the front gate on Sunday morning,
a small Takushima was standing there.


Takushima's little brother.
Sui.
He's...
MORNING.
STUPID GIRL.

• Letters •
Thank you for everything! I've already tried to read through the pile from beginning to end.
Sorry for the perpetually late responses, but I will definitely reply back. They're a precious source of life for me! Thank you so much!
I'll use this opportunity to express my thanks.
Thank you for the presents, too!
E-eww!
Ove you all!
D
There were lots of illustrations, sticker pictures, and many other things.
Thank you for the interesting letters. (She means this in a good way. There's no sarcasm.)

Why DO you—?!
I KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT NII-CHAN.
YOU LOST TO NII-CHAN IN ANOTHER MATCH, DIDN'T YOU?
For one reason or another, I was once Sui's tutor.
He's a conceited little brat.
Yoh!
hmph
OW, OW, OW, OW, OW...
WHAT ARE YOU HERE FOR, LITTLE TAKISHIMA?
GRIP
GRIP
Little Master!
GRIP
Just stop it already
From his languid mood, he discovered me and blessed me with a "Good morning."
I'm really glad I'm Nii-chan's little brother
This holiday morning, Nii-chan was just a tiny bit bored.
bristle
FROM SUI & NII-CHAN'S DIARY
...But I never thought this job...
A few days ago, I lost the finals to Takishima, so I now have to do a part time job he designates.
HERE.
NO!
D-DID YOU COME HERE JUST TO SAY THAT..?
I CAME TO BRING YOUR PART-TIME JOB TO YOU!

Sc
SHOOT!
veeeeeeeeeeeeeeech
...make my head hurt like never before.
would be the catalyst for something that would
SLAM
. . THE BORED NII-CHAN IS HERE. .
AHHHH
...
WHY'S HE MAD. ?

BURN
I THOUGHT THAT EVEN IF IT WAS A BORING PARTY, NII-CHAN WOULD ENJOY IT MORE F HIKARI WAS...
THE-
re
HEY. , WHY ARE YOU SO MAD?
HIKARI,
I HAVE PREPARED ANOTHER JOB FOR H KARI.
Y-YOU'RE MAD THAT HE BROUGHT THE .NVITATION HERE HIM-SE_F?
B-BUT...
DON'T DO MEDDLESOME THINGS,
Sui.
once I accept something, I accept it!
EH...? BUT...
THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH HIKARI.
PLEASE RETURN THE WRITTEN INVI-TATION.
SOMETHING CLICKED
..OOH?

Of course!
EVEN IF THAT WRITTEN INVITATION IS TO ATTEND THE PARTY AS MY PARTNER?
P...
Partner...?
..
SUIT YOURSELF
...
SINCE I'M YOUR EM-PLOYER HERE.
WAIT UP, NII-CHAN!
Wha-
YOU HAVE TO DO WHATEVER I SAY...
...
IN THAT CASE,

SO, I'M GOING TO BE A PARTNER WHO WON'T EMBARRASS HIM.
...SO, I HAVE A QUESTION.
HIKARI IS. . KEI'S...?
BECAUSE OF A PART-TIME JOB ..
YEAH,
What's with him?!
KEI'S PARTNER?!
INSTANT KILL
Leek
it might be best if she doesn't talk at all.
!!!
That's where we start!!
WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A PARTY AND A FESTIVAL?
RUSTLE
YES?
Hikari,
flip
If Hikari goes to the party,

...HIKARI,
It's OK I'll manage it somehow if I work hard enough.
WALK WALK
..
A BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR SOME YAHIRO GUY...
B-BY THE WAY, WHOSE PARTY IS IT?
Show me the written invitation ♥
AND,
Though I may be saying this in vain
IT'S BEST IF YOU DON'T STAND OUT AT THE PARTY.
Is there something wrong with this party?
O... H...?
I'M NOT GOING, BUT IF SOMETHING HAPPENS, GIVE ME A CALL!
SQUEEZE
It would've been better if you had rejected the invitation.
..What
..Who's Yahiro. ?
S.A. PRIVATE STUDY ROOM
TAKISHIMA.
?!
IT'S BEST IF YOU DON'T SAY ANYTHING TO THE SPONSOR YAHIRO NO MATTER WHAT HE SAYS.

THE PART—
HIKARI,
WHAT IS IT?
WHAT'S GOING ON WITH...
If I don't understand something,
I'll ask him directly.
...Wha—?!
twitch
That's true, but
IT'S BETTER FOR YOU TO NOT KNOW.
YOU SHOULDN'T BE POKING YOUR NOSE WHERE IT DOESN'T BELONG.
WHAT...
I SAID IT BEFORE. I'M YOUR EMPLOYER.

That's.. true, but...
I don't understand some things...!!
I am the one being employed.
MORE IMPORTANTLY, COULD YOU FREE UP YOUR TIME AFTER CLASS?
THEY WILL BE MAKING THE PARTY DRESS, AND THEY NEED THE MEASUREMENTS QUICKLY.
SOMEONE WILL PICK YOU UP, SO GO BY YOURSELF.
SPEAKING OF DRESSES, MY MIDDLE SCHOOL MADE ME ONE...
THIS IS ALSO PART OF THE JOB.
notice
....!
SLAM
AS LONG AS YOU UNDERSTAND.
YOU ARE DISMISSED.
OK, BOSS.

Try your best."
He's so nice one moment, and then the next...
That's great."
What's with his attitude?!
Hikari's sorry!
Wuwuu
Wh-what's wrong?
There there
What's with him?!
Hmm?
Swivel
...!!
That's too bad I'm not gonna
HIKARI, YOU WERE GOING TO A PARTY, RIGHT?
he suddenly says something like,
You are dismissed."
H-HANAZONO-SAMA, PLEASE STAY STILL...
S-SORRY...
suddenly
Xhya hya hya
hya hya hya
I don't understand Takishima at all!

THEN...
touch
shiver
!!
BUT THEN I CAN'T TAKE MEASUREMENTS...
WHEN YOU TOUCH MY SIDE...
CREAK
Sportswear (below)
YEAH, I'LL TRY NOT TO...
GAHHHHHHH
HEY,
Y-YAHIRO-SAMA...!
THE TAKISHIMA FAMILY'S?
UNDER THE TAKISHIMAS' REQUEST...
Hi he he he he!
WHAT'S THAT LAUGHTER?
I can hear it coming from above
TH-THAT'S ..
Hanazono-sa
Waaa!
..OH?

BANG
TH S T.ME, I'LL...
H-HANAZONO-SAMA...
I-I'm sorry.
pant
pant
IF YOU'RE TAK.NG MEA-SUREMENTS,
I'LL TAKE THEM FOR YOU.
♡
SWISH
Get out!
of course not!!
THANKS
OH...
...Rather...
Eeeek!!

!!
Twitch
ALL RIGHTY!
He's not an ordinary person!
NOW, LET'S TAKE SOME MEASURE-MENTS.
Catch
WHA-?
He caught my kick.
YOU SURE ARE A WILD FILLY!
WILD filly?!
Hey,
LEND ME THE MEASUR-ING TAPE.
L-LET GO!
Grrr
HAS KEI-KUN ...
PROPERLY BROKEN YOU IN?

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• CD SHOP •
I love CD shops, too
I go there a lot
When I'm wandering around by myself I'm captivated by looking at the CD jackets, and I'm entranced by the trial songs
Ah, I wasn't entranced by it!
I wonder why everyone feels so good listening to the trial songs in the trial corner
But sometimes, when I do it, I get surprised by the loud volume from the headphones from the last person
You don't have to make it so loud !!
Jump
I guess volumes vary from people to people

SHALL WE TAKE SOME MEASUREMENTS?
EEK!!
NOW, THEN,
...DO YOU KNOW TAKISHIMA...?
Whit
And don't compare people to horses.
DAZED

That bastard!
Next time I see him, I'm definitely sending him flying!
Eeeek
Ah ha ha ha ha ha ha
...yeah...
I feel like I lost something
HIKARU... ARE YOU OK...?
Would you like some tea?
She remembered
BLUSH

...
TAKISHIMA...
"Has Kei-kun.."
I'll try asking
Takishima about him
WHAT IS IT?
Scary!
No
THIS PARTY, FROM THE BEGINNING TO THE END,
THAT'S RIGHT. HIKARI,
REMEMBER THIS.
...I...
IS ALL PART OF THE JOB.

...
Takishima, that idiot!!
I know at least that much!
Just what wanted!
Hanazono-sama shall we prepare for the party?
CLICK
..What's with him?
OPEN
Dressed-up Takishima
SORRY TO HAVE KEPT YOU WAIT-ING.

N-NICE TO MEET YOU...
This is a bit awkward
HE...
NO wait
...
YES.
IT SEEMS THAT THE SITUATION'S GOTTEN WORSE.
HUH?
NO.
...BUT,
I-IS THIS WEIRD?
What's with that face?

WOW...
HIKARI, I'M GOING TO GO GREET THE OTHERS, SO STAY RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE.
Eeeek
murmur murmur
THIS IS AN AMAZING BIRTHDAY PARTY...
O... Eh... yes.

Standing sth...
HEY, YOU THERE.
WHAT ARE YOU TO TAKISHIMA-SAMA?
Stare
EVERYONE WANTS TO BE TAKISHIMA-SAMA'S DATE.
Or rather, wants to be his bride
What's going on?
WE WEREN'T WORRIED BECAUSE HE ALWAYS COMES WITH HIS AUNT,
BUT WHO ARE YOU?!
Speechless
...GO on a Date with that Guy?
HmPh...
don't get what's going on. but I'm getting angry.
WHO WOULD...
Every-one, I'm talking to you
I was Dragged here Because it's my job.
HAH
Ahh!
What?
HOW DARE YOU BE SO RUDE WHEN HE'S YOUR EMPLOYER!

EXCUSE ME.
...
Eeeek♥♥
Shock
TAKISHIMA-SAMA!!
...DON'T TALK TO OTHERS SO MUCH.
Then suddenly becomes cold.
Bonk
He suddenly becomes kind,

He's incomprehensible!
SIGH ...
THERE'S NO ONE HERE ..
HE SEEMS TO HAVE SO MANY TROUBLES, GOING FROM HERE TO THERE, GREET NG OTHERS...
AT THIS RATE, THERE WON'T BE THE ATMOSPHERE OF A FUN BIRTHDAY PARTY.
THAT'S TRUE.
YEAH ..
SPEECHLESS
I'M THE SPONSOR FOR TODAY.
Now, let's measure!
YOU'RE ASK NG ME WHY..?
Y-YOU'RE..
From that
WHY ARE YOU HERE?!

I'm getting money for this job!
Of course not!!
NO WAY...
A-ARE YOU YAHIRO...?
Wow, it's chilly here
OOH, SO THAT MEANS...
HEY, YOU'RE KEI-KUN'S GIRLFRIEND, RIGHT?
That's what being a part "her means"
KEI'S LOVE IS ONE-SIDED.
CHUCKLE
IF THAT'S TRUE, I'LL FEEL SO BAD FOR HIM.
CHUCKLE
Answer the question!
WHA-?
The main
It's best if you don't talk to the sponsor, Yahiro..
Who-?!
ANGRY
I really want to hit him!
ANGRY
HEY, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF KEI-KUN?
How'd you come up with that?
Of course not...!
Listen to what other people say!
DAZED
chuckle chuckle
clatter clatter

I don't understand Takishima as usual,
and I don't understand this guy..
Is he really that Yahiro person?
I FEEL BAD FOR YOU, TOO,
FOR BEING LIKED BY THAT W.MP.
..And now my brain feels like pulp.
WHOOSH
E!!

Don't call my greatest rival
a wimp!
I've lived up until now to defeat him!!
AND, BESIDES,
THERE'S NO WAY HE'D LIKE ME.
But somehow, I feel satisfied. Sorry for kicking you
chuckle

BUT HOW ABOUT THIS?
?
EVEN THOUGH IT'S SO OBVIOUS, YOU DON'T NOTICE IT.
YOU WANT TO TRY?
Whisper
IT'S FUN WATCHING THAT INNOCENT, PITIFUL KEI-KUN.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
...?!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
RIGHT,
SO, LET'S TRY IT!

KEI-KUN?
EH?
!
PULL
"Listen up."
!
I'll pretend to do something to you...!!
...and if Kei-kun truly gets mad...

It means...
...that Kei-kun loves you."

JUST AS I SAID.
SEE?
...
...likes me?!
IT'D BE A PROBLEM IF HIS CUTE FILLY WAS STOLEN AWAY.
That's a lie!
AFTER ALL,
Takashima
... THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T WANT THIS. .
No way.
ISN'T THAT RIGHT?

...HUH?
...
Takishima?
KEI-KUN HAS LOST TO ME BEFORE.
...That's a lie...
Lost to that idiot?!
YUP!
I'LL HAVE TO TRY HARD FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A WHILE. ♡
I was kicked and punched on my birthday.
That idiot ♥
DO YOUR BEST.

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CHAPTER 10

• SOME STUFF AND SOME MORE STUFF •

Thank you very much for reading Special A. I drew an extra story at the end of the volume again. If you'd like, please read it. It's about... Well, it's a pointless all-out attempt. I'm sorry. (bow)

If you enjoyed this volume with someone, I'm glad. By the way, the front cover of the second volume is of Tadashi and Akira. It was fun to draw them. (^_^) Well, then, until next time!

I hope we can meet again!!

AH!
I'm gonna have to separate you two.
HOW LONG ARE YOU GUYS GOING TO KEEP HUGGING?
!
you sore loser ♡
AWW, COME ON. EVEN IF YOU'VE ONLY LOST ONCE, YOU STILL LOST!
IT WAS ONLY ONCE, THOUGH.
PAAT
fu fu fu
...BY THE WAY!
Ha, ha!
I've never thought of liking or hating at all. Rather...
Takishima actually likes me?!
tremble
I forgot! No, it might be a lie. No, even if it were a lie, what's with this?
tremble
tremble
Pant
Pant
giggle
He likes you ♡
If he really gets mad, then it's because...
giggle
Echoes in her head
She's Kei-kun's unrequited love ♡
giggle
giggle
NOOOO!

don't touch me!
HIKARI?
shock
dazed
pop
BRO-KEN →
The hand, the calm! Kei is now depressed
...WHAT DID YOU SAY TO HIKARI?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
GRIN ♡
glare
YOU'RE HATED, KEI-KUN. ♡
AWW!
Eeeeeeeek!

...MIGHT ACCIDENTALLY TELL HER SOME EXTRA THINGS. ♡
IF YOU KEEP THAT SCARY LOOK, I...
DON'T GET SO MAD.
giggle
Awwww
WHAT A SCARY FACE!
giggle
Calm down Hikari, calm down.
Unnnnnn ...
Pant
Pant
Wheeze
Pant

choke
Takishima likes—
No!
Forget about it right now...
Ah!
THAT'S RIGHT, TAKISHIMA LOST TO THAT IDIO—
BY IDIOT, DO YOU MEAN ME?
HEY! YOU SAID YOU WERE KE.-KUN'S RIVAL, RIGHT?
TH-THERE'S A LIMIT TO APPEARING UNEXPECT-ED.LY.
Yeah!
Of course!
DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT?
SORRY, BUT I DON'T THINK THAT KEI-KUN WOULD GO ALL-OUT AGAINST A G RL LIKE YOU...
BUT, DON'T WORRY! I'LL DEFEAT HIM FOR YOU.
♡
What're you saying?!
WELL, ISN'T IT BETTER FOR YOU...
...TO STAY LOOK-ING BEAUTIFUL AND CONTINUE GR NNING LIKE THAT?

crick
GRAB
DON'T JOKE ARO—
KEI-KUN'S REALLY USELESS.
HE HASN'T TRAINED YOU YET.
I'LL HAVE TO TRAIN YOU IN HIS PLACE.
HIKARI.

Not really_!
...DID YAHIRO SAY SOMETHING TO YOU?
Damn that bastard!
...
YES?
...
What's with each and every one of them?!
Training? Just perfect.
Kiss
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR TRAINING LATER. ♡
yay
I'll beat him at his own game!
CONGRATULATIONS!
YAHIRO-SAMA, CONGRATULATIONS!
Clap
Clap

EVERYONE,
I'M GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR MAKING TIME IN YOUR BUSY SCHEDULES TO GATHER HERE.
I'M HAPPY TO HAVE RECEIVED SO MANY MARVELOUS PRESENTS.
THIS IS IN NO WAY A REPAYMENT FOR WHAT YOU'VE GIVEN, BUT...
LET'S PLAY A FUN GAME THIS TIME, TOO!
Game?
IT'S SIMPLE. IT'S JUST TAG. ANYONE IS FREE TO PARTICIPATE.
RULES ARE SIMPLE. YOU WIN IF YOU CAPTURE THE PERSON WHO IS IT AND BRING THEM TO THE ROOF, OR IF YOU'RE IT AND MANAGE TO GET TO THE ROOF BEFORE ANYONE CATCHES YOU.
...
The winner gets a gorgeous present!
HOWEVER, THIS IS A GAME WHERE INSTEAD OF THE PERSON WHO'S IT CAPTURING YOU, YOU CAPTURE IT.
ARE YOU DOING THAT GAME THIS YEAR, TOO?
YAHIRO-SAMA LIKES IT.
It's his way of teasing us.
...NOW THEN, THE PERSON WHO'S IT IS...

...THE GIRL IN THE BABY BLUE DRESS OVER THERE.
whisper whisper
A GIRL?! THAT'S IM-POSSIBLE
mumur mumur
It can't be...
mumur mumur
I FEEL BAD FOR HER...
HER GOAL IS THE ROOF OF THIS MANSION.
I'M THINKING OF LETTING HER DO THIS.
...that by framing he meant this?!
...IF YOU DON'T WANT TO, WE CAN STOP THIS.
He's taking me for an idiot!!
I don't know what his intentions are, but...
IT'S just as I wished!!
THEN, WE'LL WAIT THIRTY SECONDS.

GO!
OTHER THAN THE ONE WHO'S IT ANYONE CAN USE ANYTH NG OR ANY METHOD TO CAP- TURE THE ONE WHO'S IT.
THE PERSON WHO'S IT CAN'T USE THE ELEVA- TOR,
Cause there're guards watching over the check- points.
AND SHE MUST SWITCH ALTERNATIVELY BETWEEN THE EAST AND WEST STAIRCASES.
...won't lose!
DASH!
NOW THEN, WHY DON'T WE START?
I...
GOAL!
ROOFTOP
3F
2F
1F
START!
...DON'T BE MAD,
ISN'T IT JUST THE USUAL GAME?
KEI-KUN.

flutter
flutter
SORRY, TAKISHIMA!
I'm ripping the dress!
RIP
RIP
UGH.
...
throw
heels
throw
petticoat
ALL RIGHT.
THERE SHE IS!

I don't think that Kei-kun would go all-out against a girl like you.
It's easy to catch a Girl!
ha ha ha
I'm not afraid
...Just because I'm a girl, hmh.
Don't underestimate me!!
WHY YOU-
we'll see your under-wear!
...IF YOU KEEP MOVING AROUND LIKE THAT,
...to stay looking beautiful...
Well, isn't it better for you...
...SO WHAT...

SHE'S LOST IT...
TH-THAT GIRL...
"Girls should just continue grinning like that..."
If I'm afraid of showing my underwear, how will I win against Takishima?!
STUPID!
STUPID!
Don't give me that kind of shit, you bastard!
Implying things like,
...IF YOU SEE MY UNDER-WEAR, DAMN IT!!
Just try saying that again!
Ahhhhhhhhh
Grab
!!
I'll never lose!
...?!
...WHA—?!
Am I caught?!

last
•SOME STUFFS•
I'm one-fourth finished. Thank you for reading my talks to the end!!
I'm really grateful for the people who collaborated with me when I drew the manga, everyone who's helped me, the Chief Editor-sama, and everyone out there who's reading this
I'd be the happiest person in the world if I could continue concentrating from now on and making everyone happy at least a little.
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I'll always put my heart into this
Moving on
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...Shh.
Shock
...SERIOUSLY, THOUGH, WHAT ARE YOU DOING ...?
Takisuma ...?!
cover
poomph
WHAT DO YOU MEAN WHA—

GO HOME. I'LL DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS.
I'VE PREPARED A CAR BELOW THIS ROOM.
shake
shake
HIKARI.
IF YOU MAKE TOO MUCH NOISE, THEY'LL FIND US.
Where is she?
stomp
stomp
won't I be acknowledging that what that guy said was true?
If I return now,
...
...WELL,
W-
We can see your underwear!
cackle! cackle
Wai-
stare
AH!
I imagined this would happen
IT CAN'T BE HELPED...
THAT'S AN AMAZING OUTFIT YOU'VE GOT THERE.
The dress, I mean
...BY THE WAY,
ripped skirt
Wait...!!
blush

I BORROWED THEM FROM THE KITCHEN. THEY'RE UNIFORMS.
The size is right
rustle rustle
HERE.
What? I was fine with the other guys,
but I'm suddenly embarrassed now...!
flustered
flustered
...
glance
CHANGE INTO THAT.
.....
I KNEW THAT TELLING YOU TO GO HOME WOULD BE USELESS, SO I PREPARED THOSE.
UM...
DID YAHIRO SAY SOMETHING TO YOU?
STUCK
L—
IT WAS NOTHING. ...ALSO,
TH-THANK YOU...
Takishima...
← Changed

TELL ME.
THIS IS AN ORDER FROM YOUR EMPLOYER.
...IT'S NOTHING...
Ken-kun likes you ♡
Like I'd tell you that
HM.
...
?!
EE!
DAMN.
"NO?"
WHA—
I HEARD A VOICE HERE!
HUD
N—
N—!
NOOOOO!!

I—
I'M ... GOING.
grab
HIKARI!
HUH?
whoosh
"...Hikari."

Do your best."
I like this side of Takishima.
It's much better than my cold self.
Do your best."
OK!
...I...

NOW THEN...
...I don't really understand what Yahiro's planning
I'LL BE TAKING CARE OF THE SMALL FRY.
ha ha ha!
IDIOTS!
ACK! YOU CHANGED !!
but that doesn't matter.
Even though he won against Takishima,
grab
DAMN IT!
Picture from Hell
I'LL BE YOUR OPPO-NENT.
AHHHH!
the one I want to win against the most is still Takishima!
part part
...DAMN IT...

WHEN I WAS SEVEN, I WAS AT THIS POINT, TOO. THAT'S WHERE I GOT CAPTURED.
THE DOOR TO THE ROOFTOP'S LOCKED...
clatter
clatter
THAT'S RIGHT.
AND FOR A SEVEN-YEAR-OLD, TOO...
TH-THAT'S A PETTY TRICK...
THE NEXT YEAR, I KICKED DOWN THE DOOR AND WON.
I WAS CHOSEN TO BE IT MANY TIMES.
WA-
WAIT A SEC, BY LOSING, YOU MEAN DUE TO THIS?!
PRETTY MUCH...
YES.

WHA—?!
...THROUGH NORMAL MEANS.
BECAUSE I'M NOT AN OPPONENT YOU CAN WIN AGAINST...
Don't get carried away!
I'M NOT.
That's right.
THIS IS THE DOOR THAT TAKISHIMA BROKE AT THE AGE OF EIGHT.
THERE'S NO WAY...
...ALL RIGHT.
Takashima has to be like this.

clap
clap
...SHE CAN BREAK THROUGH THIS DOOR AS SHE IS NOW!
I GUESS I SHOULD SAY, "CONGRATULATIONS,
YOU'RE THE WINNER!"
I DON'T NEED ANY OF THAT.
A CAR? A VILLA?
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE AS YOUR PRIZE? JEWELS?

I DON'T NEED ANY PRIZES.
I WON THIS GAME.
SO...

I don't need any beautiful dresses...
...or jewels.
...ACKNOWL-EDGE THAT I'M TAKISHIMA'S RIVAL!

I'M FINE WITH THAT, BUT...
...OH, YOU MEAN THAT?
What I only want now is to win against Takishima.
DON'T FORGET THAT THERE ARE OTHER PEOPLE WHO WANT ...
...TO MAKE KE-KUN LOSE AND FALL FLAT ON HIS FACE.
WELL, THEN...

...HIKARI, AND HIKARI ALONE.
...DON'T FORGET THAT MY RIVAL IS...
NOW, THEN, EXCUSE US.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, YAHIRO.
...
...SHE'S FINE.
...OK?
IS AKIRA-CHAN...
...HEY.

...IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN ... OK.
?
BYE-BYE.
WHAT?
What's with him? ☆
HMM, I SEE.
YAHIRO, AKIRA AND I ARE CHILDHOOD FRIENDS.
Speaking of which,
THERE'S QUITE A BIT ABOUT YOU I DON'T KNOW, TAKISHIMA.
don't know a lot about the other guys either
OH?
ARE YOU INTERESTED?
...?!
Wha—?!

...what kind of match will be waiting for me tomorrow.
I'm having fun just thinking about...
Of course not!
What I'm interested in is winning against you.
...But,
HMM?
AH, OH, YEAH.
However, at the moment,
it looks like I'm being tortured by this question.
BY THE WAY, WHAT DID YAMIRO SAY TO YOU?
You're really persistent Takishima!
Like I'd tell you!
TELL ME.
Nothing.

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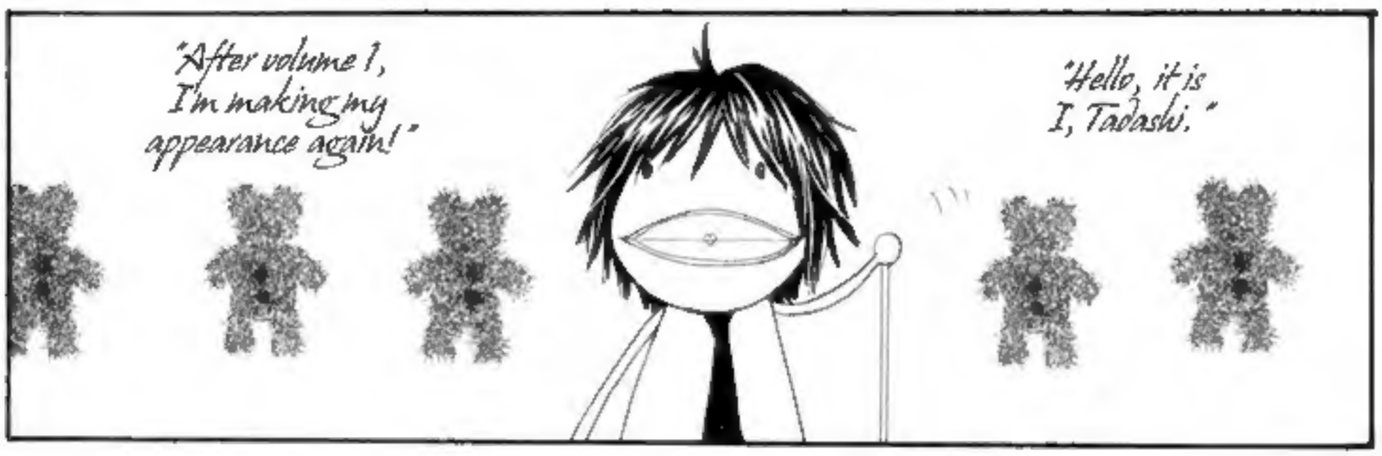

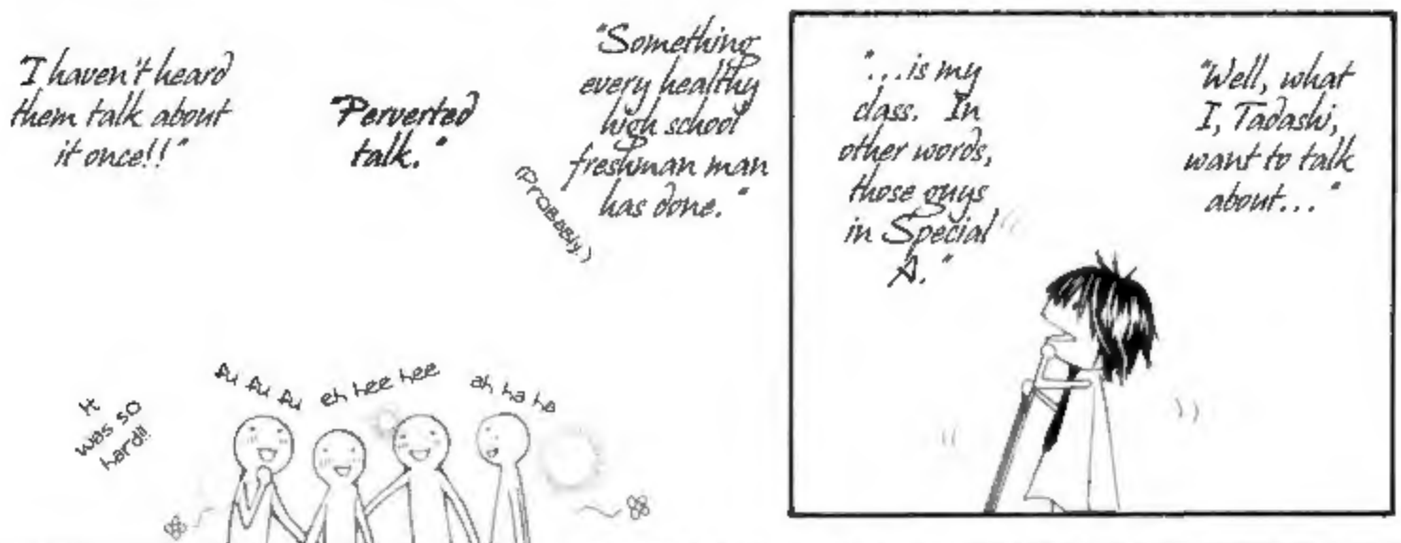
I haven't heard them talk about it once!!"
Perverted talk."
"Something every healthy high school freshman man has done."
(Probably)
"...is my class. In other words, those guys in Special A."
"Well, what I, Tadashi, want to talk about..."
It was SO hard!!
Au Au Au eh hee hee
ah ha ha

I'm really sorry for drawing a story like this.

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